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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.43
Yammat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.52
Shatin ...Dep.	6.58	8.23	9.28	10.18	12.18	1.33	2.33	4.53	6.01
Taipei ...Dep.	7.07	8.32	9.37	10.27	12.27	1.42	2.42	5.02	6.10
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.16	8.41	9.46	10.36	12.36	1.51	2.51	5.11	6.19
Fanning ...Dep.	7.25	8.50	9.55	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.28
Shatin ...Dep.	7.34	8.59	10.04	10.54	12.54	2.09	3.09	5.29	6.37
Shatin ...Arr.	7.43	9.08	10.13	11.03	1.18	2.18	3.18	5.38	6.46
Canton ...Arr.	7.52	9.17	10.22	11.12	1.27	2.27	3.27	5.47	6.55

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LONDON'S NIGHT LIFE.

STREETS IMPROVED ENORMOUSLY.

POLICE CHIEF DENIES BRIBERY STORIES.

Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Police for the Metropolitan area, which includes a population of eight millions, told the House of Commons on Street Officers' many interesting things about policemen and the night life of London.

Points from his evidence included the following:

"London streets have improved enormously in the last thirty years, and there is not a great deal to complain about."

He has had no cases of bribery by women of a certain class. "There is a certain amount of 'trafficking in husbands' by foreign women to avoid deportation, but much less than formerly."

He thought prostitution should be a criminal offence, "in order to get clean and decent streets."

The School For Policemen.

Some of the many things a London policeman must learn before he goes on his beat were described by Sir William Horwood, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in his evidence before the Committee on Street Officers.

Sir William, who controls a force of 30,000 men, embracing an area of 16 miles from Charing Cross, revealed the interesting fact that so keen is the competition for places in the Metropolitan Police that there is a waiting list of 2,000.

There are always about 250 men in training at the police headquarters at Peel House, Westminster.

"It is a very exhaustive training indeed," said Sir William.

Mock Police Courts.

"We have, for instance, mock police courts. We have police court trials where candidates take the part of prosecutor and defendant."

Instruction is also given as to identification.

In reply to a remark by the chairman, Sir H. P. Macmillan, K.C., that there are many statutory offences in these days and it would be rather difficult, I imagine, to equip a policeman with a complete knowledge of them all, Sir William Horwood said, "I should be very sorry to be examined on it."

(Laughter.)

There is, however, a little book entitled "duty hints," which a policeman always carries with him.

"The Commissioner's secretary denied that a constable's promotion depended on the convictions he secures."

It is nothing to do with what ever," he said, "as long as a man is a good policeman he will get promotion. He goes up automatically."

The Chairman: In regard to solicitation, it has been alleged that constables are sometimes bribed to obtain indulgence. Have you any cognisance of any such cases?

Sir William: No, not to my knowledge. Sir Henry Fairfax: May I say that, even now, the opinion is given that it is not safe to walk in Hyde Park at night for fear of being wrongfully arrested.

Sir William: I am not responsible for the opinion of London clubs. I hear a awful lot of "tosh."

Mr. Macmillan: We have all escaped so far.

Mr. W. A. Jowitt, K.C.: We will all walk through together. (Laughter.)

The Chairman suggested that a constable's duties in connection with certain street offences were the most delicate of all his duties.

"It is most obnoxious and very unpopular," replied Sir William, who said that prostitution, in his opinion, was on the decrease to a certain extent.

Sir William told the committee of foreign women who had come over here and married men who made themselves "professional husbands."

The Chairman: There actually was a traffic in husbands?—Oh yes, about two years ago. That prevented women being deported on conviction.

It was still going on to a small extent, but nothing to what it was formerly.

I don't think there is a great deal to complain about in the streets of the Metropolitan," was the Commissioner's reply.

He thought that the necessity for proving annoyance to those solicited should be done away with.

(Continued on next column.)

KOREA TO-DAY.

AMAZING PROGRESS AT SEOUL.

FISHING VILLAGE BECOMES BUSY PORT.

At a meeting of the Lions' Club of Tientsin, Mr. E. J. S. Fisher gave a description of his recent journey through Korea.

Mr. Fisher said that when for the first time he landed in Korea, in 1906 coming from Tokyo, he remembered the uncomfortable way of landing passengers at Fusan.

However, he pointed out, those marvellous technical improvements which exist in Fusan to-day can favourably compare with the landing in Seoul. During his 1906 visit in Seoul, he found this Capital in a desolate and sad-looking way in no way better than any of the large inland towns of North China, with all its poverty and unsanitary conditions, except for the Imperial Gardens of Seoul.

On his numerous visits through Korea he had observed the improvements which continuously were going on in Seoul, which now has the finest aspect of any City in the Far East. Seoul has wonderful paved streets and avenues lined with palaces and houses worth seeing.

The Chosen Hotel with its marvel of American installations, cuisine, and comforts of to-day, is to be compared with the best.

Gozan, the present sole port along the North coast of Chosen, was 30 years ago only a small fishing village where steamers in distress went ashore for refuge. To-day Gozan has a population of 300,000 Koreans; it is flourishing and wealthy; has wide fine streets, and the prospect of a much larger future.

Mr. Fisher pointed out that an additional railway line in the not far distant future will lead from the most extreme North-Eastern coast near Chosen, and Vladivostok, along the whole east coast to Fusan, to connect from here with the extreme harbour on the West coast of Korea, Moppe. The extreme North-Eastern coast point of Korea will also in the near future possess its own harbour and railway connection to the Tumen River and from there to Hsin City, via which route the rich soya bean and other products of the Manchurian soil will on the shortest of railway connections get to the coast to be shipped abroad.

(P. & T. Times.)

Sir William agreed that the solicitation of women by men ought to be dealt with severely. "In fact, I think it should be dealt with even more drastically."

Policemen in Plain Clothes.

Questioned on the employment of women police for dealing with a certain class of women, Sir William said he thought there would be many more cases of assault if they were so employed.

Sir Joseph Priestley put to Sir William as the opinion given to the committee by Mr. Mead, the magistrate, that it would be very calamitous if there was an attempt to put an end to prostitution.

Sir William: I don't agree that you must have prostitution, but I think you always will have it.

To Get Clean And Decent Streets.

Mr. Jowitt: Your suggestion is that solicitation by itself is to be a criminal offence. Why?

Sir William: In order to get clean decent streets.

Mr. Jowitt: You don't hope to achieve the elimination of prostitution?—That is impossible.

Mr. Jowitt: Your considered view is that you would make a wholly new criminal offence?—Yes.

When do not want to alter the law in such drastic manner—I think it would be better.

The Commissioner agreed that during the last thirty years the streets of London had improved enormously. To a great extent the police had been satisfied with the code under which they were working before the committee was appointed. It was his opinion that if a girl accepted a man once more by saying "Good evening," she should be guilty of a criminal offence.

Mr. Jowitt: You are coming near to acting as a judge of morals rather than a judge of decency in the streets—I would like to have the power to do so.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Australia Day. Interport Golf: Hong Kong v. Manila (Four balls). Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Helena May Institute Musicale: "French Modern Music," 5.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.; Queen's Theatre: "College."

World Theatre: "The Gold Rush." Star Theatre: "The Wedding Song."

Friday.

Interport Golf: Hong Kong v. Shanghai (Foursomes). U.K.R.C. Tennis Tournament: Semi-finals of open events. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. Club de Recreation, King's Park, 5 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. Punjabis III.

Reception to the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 5.15 p.m. Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club annual meeting, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "College."

World Theatre: "The Gold Rush." Star Theatre: "The Wedding Song."

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Tenny Maru). Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Arifura), 8.30 a.m.

Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m. Interport Golf: Manila v. Shanghai (Foursomes or Foursomes and Singles).

Fishing Hunt: Drag Hunt. Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m. Yachting: Reserved for racing. American Lawn Tennis Tournament at Ladies Recreation Club. Cricket League: Division I: C.S.C.C. v. T.R.C. "A"; Royal Navy v. Kowloon C.C. Division II: Kowloon C.C. v. R.A.O.C. Police R.C. v. Tamar.

Friendly Cricket: University 2nd XI v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. Football League: Division I: Queen's v. South China; Scots Guards v. Club de Recreation; Kowloon v. Royal Artillery; Police v. Athletic; K.O.S.B. Division II: "A" v. K.O.S.B. v. Royal Artillery; South China "A" v. Kowloon; Recreation v. South China "B"; Club de St. Joseph's; Chinese Athletic v. University.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m. Royal Artillery Association (Hong Kong Branch) dance at St. James's Institute, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "College."

World Theatre: "The Gold Rush." Star Theatre: "The Wedding Song."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, letters only (Tenny Maru); Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Talamba). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Haruna Maru), 9.30 a.m.; American, Canada, etc., Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (Tenny Maru), 5 p.m.

Sunday. 4th Sunday after Epiphany. Interport Golf: Hong Kong v. Manila (Singles). Fishing Hunt: K.O.S.B. Gymkhana. Yachting: 4th Championship race for cruisers. Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m. "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Irresistible Lover."

World Theatre: "Way Down East." Star Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Talamba).

Monday. Interport Golf: Hong Kong v. Shanghai (Singles). Interport Football Teams (Soccer and Rugby) due. Nominations close for election of Justice of the Peace as Member of the Legislative Council.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Army v. R.A.F. (Sim Shield).

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MISS CHINA WANTS ROMANCE!

REVOLT OF THE FAR EAST
FLAPPER.

CHINESE WIVES ARE
TARTARS.

[By "GENERAL" BUTTON.]

Chinese husbands are afraid of their wives. In one village the husbands formed a 'Husbands' Protective Association.' They assembled in a large building to consider plans for keeping their women in check.

The wives heard about it and, enraged by the affront, stormed the place. The husbands fled in terror.

The wrath of the women melted before this proof of their power, and they returned to their homes.

The men went back to the building, and to their amazement found one of their number in a front seat near the chairman's table. The leopards of the returning men loudly shouted that they would make this brave man their president. When they went close to tender the nomination they found the man dead. He had succumbed to a fit of rage.

Theoretically, the Chinese husband is boss. He is like a king in his own house. He can kill his wife. There have been numerous cases of men killing their wives with no legal action taken against them. But if the wife kills her husband she is tortured and executed. Sometimes her relatives also are executed.

The women have wildly passionate tempers, which they make no effort to control. They are right in their feelings. Trivial things annoy them.

But the newer generation of Chinese women is adopting Western ideas. This, of course, is only where they have come into contact with Western men and women.

The younger men in China are finding that monogamy is better than polygamy, and many now have but one wife and do not intend to take any more.

Wives Denote Wealth.

Wives to the old-type Chinese are like a luxury—those who can afford them. It is a sign of wealth. The Chinese not yet influenced by Western thought the possession of several wives adds prestige to a man.

Romantic love as we know it is a closed book to the mass of the Chinese people. Often marriages are arranged by fathers before the children are born. The women do not see their husbands until the wedding day. The Chinese say this works out well because in matches so arranged similarity of station in life is assured.

But a glimmer of change in this system is visible. In Peking especially the influence of Western ideas is noticeable. The girls of the better class there are insisting on choosing their own husbands. They go in for dancing and motor-cars and stand for monogamy with love as the basis. The movement for women's rights is making headway. The girls look their husbands in the face and refuse to marry rich old men. This, of course, applies only to the daughters of the wealthy classes.

The younger men are failing in line, too, with this new trend. They have mingled with Western people, and they are beginning to see that Western women, with their educational advantages and their knowledge of affairs, make better wives than women who are mere chattels.

The Chinese flapper is to-day a common sight in the treaty ports. She is usually dressed in semi-European style, with bobbed hair and short skirt, permanent wave and powdered face. She attends "the movies" regularly, and expects to be courted in screen-lover fashion.

The flappers are causing the older generation much worry, but the girls are winning their way. They lead a wholesome outdoor life and thrive on it. The Chinese flapper has come to stay. —Evening News.

ALDERSHOT POLICE STATION STORMED.

SEAFORTH'S HOGMANAY
RIOT.

London, Jan. 2nd.

The Aldershot police station was stormed to-day by a furious group of 1st Seaforth Highlanders, who were incensed at the arrest of a comrade during a disorderly celebration of Hogmanay.

The soldiers occupied the police station yard and smashed windows, making repeated assaults on the police and defying their officers.

They only withdrew to the barracks after the police, with great coolness, had placed a cordon round the station.

A crowd of civilians, whose sympathies were divided, witnessed the uproar.

While returning to the Salamanca Barracks, the Seaforths again defied authority, smashing windows and doing other wanton damage.

A sergeant, who is alleged to have led the attack on the police station, was arrested.

KIUKIANG—A YEAR AFTER.

GENERAL DETERIORATION
IN THE PORT.

DOORS LOCKED BECAUSE OF
THIEVES.

KIUKIANG, Jan. 11th.

Just about a year ago Kiukiang was evacuated, and we were amongst the last of the little party to leave the port.

Now we are back again, and in passing one would like to mention the comfort of the return journey by the intermediate class, lately introduced by Jardine, Matheson & Co., on some of their steamers.

The firm is to be congratulated on its enterprise: it is what has been needed for many years. The institution of a purser also adds to the convenience of travel.

Changes During The Year.

What changes has the year brought to Kiukiang? Outwardly there is little change, except that the port shows a general deterioration as regards the upkeep of the streets, and there is an air of neglect about the place.

There seem to be a number of police about the streets, but thieves abound, and one has to keep all doors locked.

One cannot fail to notice in getting about, that the people are far more respectful than they were last year. In the days preceding the evacuation, numbers of them have had a pretty hard year, especially those who depended on the Kuling season to make money; there was certainly "nothing doing" for them.

Prices of all commodities, except rice are very high, and trade is very bad. And this is not to be wondered at, for duty, taxes and dues on all goods coming into the port are exorbitant. One has had to pay 10 per cent. of the value of groceries, in getting them imported from Shanghai, and transhipped to Nanchang. Besides this, coolie hire is at least five times higher than it was.

Conditions In The Province.

Passports have been granted for some of the male missionaries to return to the interior, and the China Inland Mission is planning to have their vacant stations visited.

Workers of the German Alliance Mission have remained at their posts all the time, and report the situation quiet; they go about the country without molestation, and are generally welcomed by the people. In some parts of the province, however, brigands abound. —N.C. Daily News.

ADRIFT ON A TANK,
13 DAYS' HUNGER AND
THIRST.

ALLAHABAD.

A story of terrible suffering and of endurance while adrift in the Indian Ocean is related by the survivors of the Mahomedan crew of a schooner who were picked up by the Italian liner *Pilna* 200 miles from Bombay.

The schooner's crew of 14 decided to abandon her after she had been battered by a cyclone. Her boats having been washed away, they launched two partly emptied water tanks and put to sea.

On one tank were the captain and his seven sons. They had only a few biscuits and a little water, and when these were exhausted the combined torture of hunger, thirst, and their cramped position was almost intolerable.

Vain Cries For Help.

Three of the sons died, but as the father wished to give them a proper Mahomedan burial, he would not allow the bodies to be thrown overboard.

Another terror was added to the living men's lot by the sharks which surrounded their frail craft.

After ship passed without hearing their cries, and it was not until they had endured their sufferings for 13 days that they were picked up by the *Pilna* and landed at Aden.

There is no news of the occupants of the second tank.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 24th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.59 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	2 1/2
Bucharest	700
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
New York	4.87
Geneva	28.51
Milan	22.05
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.31
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	23.59 1/2
Athens	287 1/2
Rio	5.59 1/2
Bombay	1/8.1/16
Yokohama	1/11.3/32
Shanghai	2/5
Hong Kong	23.1/10
Silver (spot)	25.16/15
Silver (forward)	25.16/15

BUDDHIST CONGRESS AT CEYLON.

CASTE DISTINCTION AND
ALCOHOL.

Speaking at the ninth annual sessions of the All Ceylon Congress of Buddhist Associations, the President Mr. Mohamud, invited serious consideration to a matter which he considered a great blot on Buddhism. "I refer to the questions of perpetuating caste distinctions with the vigour that it is done now," he said.

"This is a delicate subject to touch upon in an Eastern country like Ceylon where one is liable to be misunderstood. I do not advocate a general upheaval of society nor do I ask any one to throw in the winds without discrimination one's social customs.

"All that I plead for is this, that we must discourage with all the power we have those who are prone to look down upon certain sections of our fellow beings as inferior beings.

"If we Buddhists always remember in this connection the teaching of our Master that a man does not become a man of high caste or low caste by the mere accident of birth, but by his conduct and method of living, then the rigorous observance of caste as it exists to-day is bound to disappear."

Towards Prohibition.

Discussing a resolution dealing with a phase of the temperance movement the President said that the resolution had come not a day too early. It is only another link in that chain which we are slowly, but surely forging, the chain of total prohibition.

As is well-known to you the largest number of temperance workers are ourselves the Buddhists and the success which has attended our efforts during these last few months must urge us on to greater efforts.

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DRESS MAKERS AT LAW.

"PAMELA" AND MADAME
SARRAULT.

DESTINATION OF HATS AND
COSTUMES.

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), Mr. James H. Backhouse, 1a, Chater Road, merchant, sued Madame R. Sarrault, Ice House Street, milliner, and Rose Sarrault, a partner, for \$1,000 damages.

This was in respect of alleged wrongful conversion by the defendant of five parcels of goods consigned to Rolande Sarrault, Hong Kong, the property of the plaintiff and valued at \$875.72. The claim was for this amount and in addition damages in respect of the loss of profit on the sale of the goods.

The defendant counter-claimed for \$361.70 on similar grounds, stating that 45 ladies' felt hats and 5 ladies' fancy straw hats valued at \$186.70, which were sent from Messrs. Thos. Townsend & Co., London, to her in the name of Madame Rolande Sarrault had been accepted by plaintiff (Mr. Backhouse) who wrongly took delivery.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones represented plaintiff and Mr. L. R. Andrews the defendant.

Mr. Hugh Jones said the plaintiff and the defendant were formerly partners in Rolande Sarrault, ladies' dressmakers, of No. 23, Queen's Road Central. On August 11th, last year, a dissolution agreement was signed under which it was agreed that the partnership should be treated as dissolved. The defendant further undertook for the period of six months not to carry on any similar business in Hong Kong under the name of Rolande Sarrault.

His Lordship: Am I concerned with that now?

Mr. Hugh Jones said that although she had not opened a shop in that name, the action arose from the misuse by the defendant of that name.

The parties had had trouble with other goods that had arrived and, on account of that, the defendant's attorney gave notice to the Post Office that all goods addressed to Rolande Sarrault should be delivered to the plaintiff's shop, which was now carried on under the name of Pamela.

Those instructions were acknowledged by the Post Office, but they were not carried out and five parcels were delivered to the defendant. The receipt of those parcels by the defendant was admitted.

Other facts admitted, continued Mr. Hugh Jones, were that the invoice value of the goods was \$857.72 and that the value of the goods to the plaintiff was \$1,000 or more. Also that the goods were the property of the plaintiff.

Mr. Andrews said that Madame Sarrault had paid the sum of \$875.72 into Court, with a denial of liability. They denied wrongful conversion. The reason why they had paid that sum into Court, after stating that the value of the goods to the plaintiff was \$1,000 or more, was simply because they claimed it was a mistake.

His Lordship: Goods received in mistake?

Mr. Andrews: Yes. Continuing, Mr. Andrews said the goods were received in mistake and they were not liable for damages above the cost price. They also said, with regard to the counter-claim, that the goods intended for the defendant, which were sold to her by an agent in London and arriving at about the same time as the first lot of goods, were received by the plaintiff, not by mistake, but intentionally. The result was that the defendant received the plaintiff's goods and the plaintiff received the defendant's goods. In the former case it was a bona fide mistake and in the latter an intentional mistake.

After the writ was issued, an offer was made by the defendant to settle it by the difference of invoice prices. That offer was refused and they were compelled to come to Court, much against the will of Madame Sarrault.

Madame Sarrault giving evidence said the five parcels were addressed to "Madame Sarrault, Hong Kong." She had no idea that the goods were not intended for her, so she put them in her stock and sold some of them.

Cross-examined Madame Sarrault said she did not know that previously Mr. Backhouse had ordered goods in the name of Rolande Sarrault. She was the only buyer.

(Continued on next column.)

STORING FILMS WITHOUT A PERMIT.

CHINESE FILM EXCHANGE
FINED.

REFERENCE TO HONG KONG
AMUSEMENTS.

When Mr. K. Lum, the manager of two companies dealing in cinema films and occupying premises in the China Building, was recently in Court on a charge of storing films without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police as required by the Ordinance, the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) thought it unfair to proceed against a small concern when he understood there was a large concern engaged in such business in the same building, and he adjourned the case to see what action would be taken against the other party.

The reference was to the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., and an explanation of what had happened in this matter was given by this firm through their solicitor when the case came before the Magistrate yesterday.

The defendant in the case, Mr. Lum, denied that when Mr. G. C. Moss, of the Fire Brigade, visited his premises the films were being repaired. He stated that the films had come back in a damp state from the theatre and they were being wiped dry. The defendant further said that the films were never stored overnight on the premises, and they were only taken there for inspection before being despatched to Canton the same day.

After some discussion with Sub-Inspector Ellison the wording of the Ordinance, Mr. Lindsell held that the defendant was guilty of an offence in keeping open films in his premises at any time without a permit, and he imposed a fine of \$25.

HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS EXPLAIN.

At the close of the case, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, appearing for the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., informed his Worship that he was relying on reports in the newspapers regarding remarks made concerning his clients who thought that it reflected on their good name and might probably affect the opinion of the public on whom they relied for support in their business.

Mr. Armstrong said that he had been asked to explain that his clients have a properly constructed room in the Theatre for the examination, cleaning, packing, re-winding or repairing of films. They only used the room in China Building for showing the films to the censors and members of the staff. A Pathe projector of the sort that could be used in all houses without a permit was in use, and no films other than those required for showing purposes were taken into the room. This room was under the supervision of a European, the operator was an experienced man, and there were fire extinguishers ready at hand.

Mr. Lindsell thought there was a difference between Mr. Armstrong's clients and the case of the defendant. Asked whether Inspector Ellis agreed, this officer replied that he had since learned that a fire-proof room was being erected by the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned that the decision to build a fire-proof room was made long before the proceedings were taken in the present case. The point, he said, had been brought up by one of the censors, and the C.S.P. was immediately communicated with and the work put in hand.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Madame Sarrault was a partner in the business, and although she knew that a dissolution was pending, yet she apparently ordered the goods in her own name.

The agent of Messrs. Thos. Townsend & Co., London, said that when the goods were ordered his firm gave credit to Madame Sarrault personally.

Cross-examined witness said that he held himself responsible for the goods and guaranteed payment. The drafts had not been met and they were looking to Madame Sarrault for payment. Mr. Backhouse had nothing to do with the goods.

His Lordship remarked that 25 per cent. on the invoice prices seemed to be fair. He gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,000, with costs, on the claim, and for the defendant on the counter-claim for \$223.50 and costs concurrently.

NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE
DISCUSSED.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18th.

A busy few days starting this morning and continuing until next Tuesday evening have been arranged by the Nurses' Association of China, to take place at the Moore Memorial Institute, 9, Hankow Road, when the biennial conference of the Association will be held. The forenoon to-day will be devoted to the registration of nurses and delegates intending to attend the conference, and in the afternoon the members will be formally welcomed and addresses made and replied to. Miss Lillian Wu, President, speaking on behalf of the N.A.C.

The Association, of which Chinese nurses and probationers all over the country are members, had its origin almost 20 years ago when, in August, 1909, inspired by a feeling that Chinese nurses in the country needed an organization which would bind them together, forward their interests, and help thus to raise the standard of nursing, eight nurses met in a bungalow in the hill station of Kuling and founded what is now among the most important organizations in the modern Chinese medical world.

Yearly Examinations.

Since 1909 then, the work of the Association has gone steadily forward until now every nurse finds it essential to become a member. Examinations are held by the Association once yearly, when nursing diplomas are issued to all those who have succeeded in satisfying the examinations, and registration with the N.A.C. at present in China takes the place of state registration in other countries.

That the recent disturbances have not checked the determination of the young nurses of China, is shown by the fact that last year at the December examinations, 573 entrants sat from 14 provinces and this year, there were 653 from 11 provinces.

Uniform.

One of the most important discussions which will take place during the week, will be as to whether it will be possible to unite the nurses of a single type of uniform to be used throughout China and, if so, which of the many now in use would be the most suitable as a choice.

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U.S. FILM COMPROMISE.

FEAR OF EUROPEAN ACTION.

New York, Dec. 28th.

American film producers are beginning to realize that they cannot control the world's trade in motion pictures as they did in the past, and there is every indication to-day that they will reach a compromise with the French producers to forestall the quota arrangement proposed by the Herriot Commission. On the basis of this compromise Hollywood, in order to obtain more representation in European theatres, will be obliged to distribute more French, German, and British pictures.

Since the United States has 25,000 cinema halls in comparison with about 4,000 each in Great Britain, Germany, and France, the American market is necessarily very important. Hollywood has argued that American audiences do not specially favour foreign films, but to-day there are many foreign films which would be very acceptable here.

To avoid the severe quota law suggested by France, and to prevent a similar combination by France, Britain, and Germany against the cinema interests of the United States, it is represented that the American producers must come to some agreement with those countries based upon reciprocal benefits. Patriotic societies here may protest against "foreign propaganda," but it appears probable that the cinema interests of the United States will prevail.

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WATER FLUSHED INSTALLATIONS.

FIGURES GIVEN AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the President made the following announcement on the subject of water flushed installations in Hong Kong (excluding Kowloon) in answer to questions previously put by Mr. Braga.

The President (Mr. W. J. Carrie) said:—
In continuation of my reply to the questions asked by Mr. Braga at the last meeting of the Board I now furnish the Board with a list of all water flushed installations on the island.

It is, I believe, accurate but it has not been possible to give the figures exactly under the headings asked for. Explanatory notes have been added where necessary.

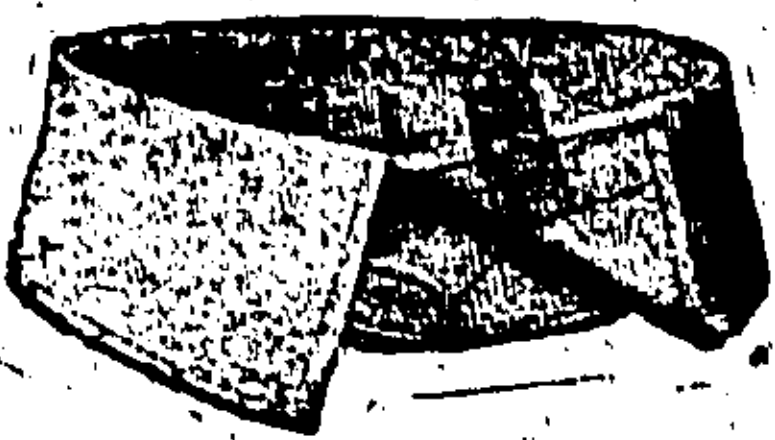
No Naval or Military property is included in the list.
May I again stress the point that the mere number of water flushed installations in any one building is no index to the amount of water consumed in that building.

WATER FLUSHED INSTALLATIONS IN HONG KONG (EXCLUDING KOWLOON).

	European Type	Chinese Type	Closets	Chin-ese Trough	Urinals	Totals	Flushed by Govt.	Indpt. Mains	Water Supply
Houses	1,497	235	11	149	1,892	578(1)	1,314		
Hotels	260	55	4	150	569		569		
Hospitals (Gov-ernment and private)	187	20	14	80	241	137	104		
Offices	1,024	51	29	210	1,314	10	1,304		
Government Buildings (a)	302	74	74	143	593	554	39		
Schools (Private)	36	6	6	2	50	22	28		
Takoo Property (3)	52	13	19	9	93		93		
Totals	3,454	454	157	683	4,748	1,301	3,447		

- (1) Mainly on the Peak where an independent supply is impossible.
- (2) Includes Government offices, schools and quarters and public latrines and urinals.
- (3) Entered separately as division into offices, houses, etc., is not fully recorded.

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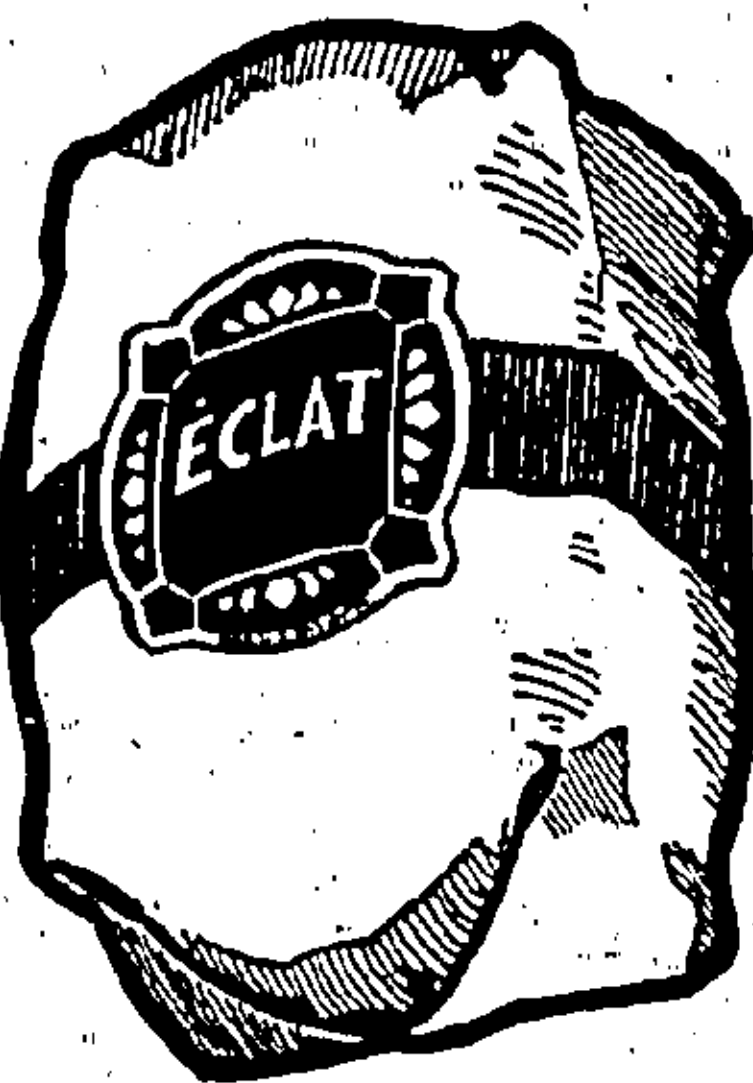
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LIME-WASHING IN THE COLONY.

SANITARY BOARD EXPLAINS SYSTEM.

SPRAY METHOD SUPERIOR TO BRUSHES.

In view of the complaints made to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce by the Kowloon Landlords' Association and other Chinese tenants in the Colony about the spray method of lime-washing recently adopted by the Sanitary Board, Dr. S. W. Tso, pursuant to notice, asked several questions at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday.

In his reply, Mr. W. J. Carrie (President) gave some interesting facts with regard to the system. It was mentioned that calico wrappers were distributed to tenants to cover their furniture before the premises are lime-washed and that after the work had been done, the services of coolies are offered, to the tenant to clean up.

It was also stated that the lime-washing of houses either by an outside contractor or by the Board is a matter of choice. A landlord has the right to employ his own contractor if so desired. In view of this explanation many grievances should be removed from the minds of the Chinese inhabitants of this Colony, and, as Dr. Tso said, the Chinese Press should give a full and correct report of the President's reply for the benefit of the Chinese community.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. W. J. Carrie, (President), J. Watson (Secretary), P. Angus (Assistant Secretary), J. P. Bragg, Wong Kwong Tin, Drs. W. V. M. Koch, S. W. Tso, S. C. Ho, G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Lieut.-Col. Bullock and the Hon. H. T. Creasy (D.P.W.).

In pursuance of notice Dr. Tso asked:

(i.) In view of the general complaint by tenants of tenement houses against the present method of lime-washing by the Sanitary Department, will the Head of the Sanitary Department state whether a tenant, if he objects to the spraying method of lime-washing by the Department, may be allowed to do the work, in the old way, after his landlord has paid to the Government the money for lime-washing by the Department?

(ii.) If so, whether the Government is prepared to hand over the money paid by the landlord to the tenant after he has done the lime-washing satisfactorily?

(iii.) When the spraying method is employed what precaution is taken by the Department to protect the furniture or goods of the tenant from the lime-wash or to prevent the lime-wash from going through the floor to the floor below?

(iv.) Whether the lime-wash used by the Government contains any ingredient which may be injurious to furniture or goods?

(v.) Whether the spraying method now employed by the Department is an improvement on the old method of lime-washing? If so, in what respect?

(vi.) When lime-washing is done under the supervision of the Department, by its own workmen and with the best of materials, is there any necessity to have the work done more than once? And, if it is found necessary to re-lime-wash the premises, whether it is possible to have it done on the same day as that of the first lime-washing?

(vii.) In lime-washing a painted ceiling or wall, as not a hundredth part of the lime will stick, will the Head of the Sanitary Department suggest some method of dealing with such cases in the future?

Lime-washing Conditions.

Replying to Dr. Tso, the President said:

I welcome this opportunity to make a short statement on the subject of lime-washing. In December I received some complaints through the Chinese representatives on this Board and just before Christmas Dr. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and myself visited several houses in various localities where we saw lime-washing being done by the Sanitary Department. We have also discussed the matter on several occasions. These questions are therefore an outcome of our discussions, and I presume embraces points on which Dr. Tso desires a pronouncement or decision.

There are one or two matters which I think should be made clear before I clearly answer the questions as there appears to be a lot of unnecessary misunderstanding of our position.

The By-laws lay the responsibility for the annual cleaning and lime-washing on the owner or landlord. Each year as the lime-washing season approaches a notice is sent to each owner pointing out what he is required to do; in the majority of cases he does it. I have inspected the figures for the last three years. In 1925 the total number of floors lime-washed in the Colony was 33,548; of these 35,310 were lime-washed by the owners, employing their own contractors. The percentage is 92. In 1926 the figures were 33,024 floors lime-washed by the owners; the percentage is over 90. In 1927 44,373 floors were lime-washed; of these 41,440 or 93.5 per cent. were lime-washed by the owners. Normally therefore in over 90 per cent of the cases this Board and the Sanitary Department are not concerned except to inspect the premises. This inspection is carried

out, I can assure members, at the earliest possible moment; there is no unreasonable delay and in any case some allowance is made for some unavoidable dirtiness of the premises during the interval between cleansing and inspection.

It is only when the landlord refuses to do the work satisfactorily or requests us to do it for him that the actual cleansing and lime-washing is done by the Department.

The Departmental Systems.

In previous years the Department has employed one or more contractors to carry out the lime-washing which it has been asked to do. This proved unsatisfactory and my predecessor suggested that we should try a system of departmental lime-washing. The President's minute to the Board, dated August 22nd, 1927, reads as follows:—

"The work done by the lime-washing contractor in the past year has been very unsatisfactory and there have been frequent complaints in the Press on the subject. The unnecessary work imposed on inspectors in visiting premises often 5 or 6 times before the work can be certified as satisfactory has been very troublesome."

The successive upbraidings for the tenants while the lime-washing was done 5 or 6 times were no doubt also most troublesome. The Board on September 8th last thereupon approved of the work being done by the Department.

I will now answer the questions, again asking members to bear in mind that no lime-washing is done by the Department except at the request of the owner or landlord, (with the few exceptions which fall under By-law 4, where the landlord has refused to do the work or failed to do it satisfactorily) and that the lime-washing done by the Department affects less than 10 per cent. of the floors in occupation in the Colony.

Question 1.—The answer is certainly. On receipt of the landlord's request the Inspector in charge of lime-washing one side and one at Kowloon calls at the house to fix a time when he proposes to return to lime-wash. If the tenant states he is willing to do the work the requisition is at once returned to the District Inspector for inspection in due course. The procedure is then as if no request had been made.

2.—Refunds must be made to the payer. (a.) The landlord. The tenant may do the work because he does not want any men other than his own men on the premises or because he may desire certain refinements; whatever his reason he must arrange with the landlord if he wishes to obtain reimbursement. It would not be proper for me to arrange on the landlord's behalf without his concurrence. The refund must continue, therefore, to be made to the landlord.

3.—Calico wrappers are provided by the Department to cover up the furniture and goods of the tenant while lime-washing is in progress. I am not satisfied that a sufficient number have been provided in the past and have arranged for 25 more to be made. There have been issued so far; it will be now possible to have at least four for each floor when lime-washing recommences on January 30th. This should prove adequate.

Using Good Lime.

A certain amount of lime-wash must fall on the floor; it does so even with the old brush method. A floor which is dilapidated can be dealt with as a nuisance under Section 25 (2) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance while under Section 119 wooden floors in new buildings must be reasonably new, tight. Floors should not permit of lime-wash passing through to the floor below.

On many occasions when this departmental lime-washing first started tenants were offered the services of coolies to assist in cleaning up the floor. In all cases the offer was refused, and I am told, we therefore ceased making the offer. I have issued instructions that the offer of assistance must always be made.

4.—I have submitted samples of lime-wash used to the Government Analyst. His report shows that it is good lime that we are using; the lime used by many outside contractors is of shell lime of less purity and strength. He states, of course, that the lime-wash produces permanent stains on cloth, polished or varnished furniture and on coloured paper. This is true of all proper lime-wash. It is therefore essential that the furniture and effects of a tenant should be fully covered before lime-washing commences. With the additional wrappers now being made I feel sure we shall have an adequate number, but any tenant can ask for more wrappers if his effects are not fully covered and cannot conveniently be moved out of the way of the lime-wash. Any lime-wash will dry and harden the human skin. But members will realise that there cannot be anything dangerous or corrosive in it as our own coolies work with it day in and day out and in using the spray a little must run down the inside of the coolies' fingers. The application of a little oil or vaseline after working on coming off duty, is all that is required.

Spray Method Superior.

5.—I am assured by the Medical Officer of Health that the spray method is very much superior to the brush. The work is done more quickly and more evenly and the lime-wash is sprayed into holes and crevices that could not be reached by any ordinary brush. We have received expressions of thanks from many tenants because the work was done so well and so quickly and because they were relieved of successive upbraidings while a contractor attempted to do the work just sufficiently well to pass the inspector.

6.—It is impossible to guarantee even with the best of materials and workmanship that one coat of lime-wash will be sufficient and satisfactory. I have had figures compiled of the work done on this side of the harbour during the present lime-washing season. Excluding the centre of the town (i.e., H.D.s 4 and 5) out of 237 floors, 165 required only one lime-wash, 74 required 2 coats and 19 required 3 coats. In the crowded area within H.D.s 4 and 5 where the houses are old and in many cases badly designed, with the kitchen abutting on the living room into which smoke and dirt passes, the figures are different—out of 248 floors 87 only could be passed as satisfactory after one application of lime-wash; 107 were treated twice and 54 three times. We do not go beyond three applications in any one case.

All the complaints that have reached me have come from these districts; we have received praise from the other districts.

Experts' Assurance.

7.—This question contains a statement of fact with which I cannot agree. I am assured by my experts in lime-wash that it is as easy to lime-wash a painted ceiling as an unpainted one but that in the first instance more will probably fall on the floor than in the case of a ceiling which had previously been lime-washed. It is, however, only on rare occasions that a painted ceiling or other painted woodwork is lime-washed. If the paint is not of so dark a colour as seriously to diminish the lighting of the floor the paintwork need only be cleaned and not lime-washed. You will observe that this is so stated at the bottom of the notice.

Very few of the ordinary lime-washing contractors do this work; it is usually done by the tenants. When we enter on premises, therefore, at the request of the landlord we ask the tenants whether they will wash the painted woodwork. They usually do so. In a few cases we ourselves have washed painted ceilings and other woodwork.

When, however, the paintwork is of too dark a colour blackened with age and with smoke we offer to lime-wash it. If the tenant objects, we do not do it, and the fact is reported by the Inspector in charge of lime-washing to be dealt with later by the District Inspector. Usually in such cases the tenant declares his willingness to repaint, and this is passed by the District Inspector in due course. If nothing is done, we have no alternative but to lime-wash which we have been asked to do by the landlord. Some of the lime-wash will undoubtedly fall on the floor but as we offer to mop it up and clean the floor generally before we leave I submit that the tenant has no grounds for grumbling.

More Wrappers To Be Issued.

In discussions which I have had with Dr. Tso we considered whether it would be possible to require a landlord to repaint ceilings and other woodwork at certain stated intervals if he desired to keep the woodwork painted; and if he was unwilling to repaint to require him to scrape off the paint before asking us to lime-wash. This would involve an amendment of the By-laws and the Board may desire to proceed further in the matter. I can only state at this stage that I am assured that mere scraping will not effect any change as the oil from the paint has already penetrated the wood and it would require to be burnt out; and, moreover, as I have stated above, there is no inherent objection to lime-wash over paint.

I much regret that there should be any complaints against the work of the Sanitary Department which I have so recently joined. I have

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tried and shall always try to remedy any defects in our procedure which may become apparent. More wrappers will be issued to prevent any of the lime-wash coming into contact with the furniture and effects of the tenants; and we renew our offer to clean up the floor before we leave the premises. The whole question of lime-washing is one between landlord and tenant. We only enter into it at the request of the landlord. During this lime-washing season, we have dealt so far with a little over 500 floors (excluding Kowloon); of these, less than 250 are in H.D.s 4 and 5; the complaints therefore come from fewer than 5 per cent. of the people affected by the lime-washing By-laws.

Request to Discard Spray Method.

Another Chinese member, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, in pursuance to notice asked:—

"That in view of the numerous complaints which have been made, the Head of the Sanitary Department be requested to discard the spraying method of lime-washing and adopt the brush method."

In support of his motion Mr. Wong said:—

The motion I am introducing is the outcome of complaints received from various quarters including two representative bodies—the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong and Kowloon Landlord Association.

There has been a certain amount of dissatisfaction and in some cases actual hardship has been caused.

The present manner of lime-washing consists of throwing large quantities of whitewash on to the walls by means of a hose connected to a pump. This method has an advantage in that much labour is saved, but one can imagine the mess it is capable of making, particularly when workmen do not always co-operate with tenants. Floors and furniture to the detriment of both must be scraped and scrubbed after every such process and during this time of the year when water to the poorer classes is only with immense difficulty procured, great inconvenience, if not actual hardship is bound to be felt.

Another unpleasant feature about this way of white-washing is the appearance it causes to the walls. The desire of whiteness is doubtless obtained; but signs of slovenly workmanship are clearly discernible. Marks of uneven application of liquid leaves traces in the form of streaks adding aesthetically no improvement.

The Board is thus requested to recommend the abolition of the present method and to revert to the former method of whitewashing by brushes.

Motion Not Supported.

This motion was, however, not supported. The President said that it was a great surprise to him to be told that the spray method did not distribute the lime evenly on the wall. It was the first time he had heard of such a complaint. He had always been of the opinion that spraying was more even than brush work, and it had received praise from several quarters.

Mr. Carrie said that he did not hold a brief for the spraying method, but he would assuredly say that spraying removes soot and dirt from crevices in a way in which the brush could not do. He also said that if there should be any reasonable grounds for complaint against the spraying method, he would then abolish the method. However, the tenants were not forced into having their houses lime-washed by the spray method. It was a matter entirely between the landlords and the tenants.

Doing Well In America.

Dr. Tso said that he had heard that the sprays are used in America and giving satisfactory results. The fact that they are not giving much satisfaction here may probably be due to the fact that the Chinese workmen either could not handle the apparatus or performed their duty perfunctorily. In some cases, the workmen might purposely sprinkle the floor with lime so as to get some cash for clearing up.

Dr. Tso further said that the questions he had to ask arose out of the several complaints made by the Chinese community, and as their representative, he had to bring the matter before the Board. He therefore hoped that the Chinese Press would make a true and correct translation of Mr. Carrie's explanation.

EXPORT OF VEGETABLES.

HONG KONG A FREE PORT.

Other matters which came up for discussion were the following questions asked by Mr. J. P. Bragg relative to the export of vegetables from the Colony:—

(i.) Is the Government aware that large quantities of fresh vegetables are regularly exported by steamers out of Hong Kong?

(ii.) If statistics of such exports are available, will the President obtain the figures in respect of the month of December last and for the first half of the current month?

(iii.) Will the President also state, as his opinion, whether the export in large quantities of fresh vegetables from the Colony tends to restrict supplies for the local markets, and if so whether any inadequacy of supply exists thus operating as a factor in the keeping up of prices of vegetables in Hong Kong?

Government's Policy.

To the above questions, the President replied as follows:—

1.—Yes.
2.—No statistics are available.
3.—The policy of the Government has always been to maintain Hong Kong as a free port. It is quite likely that if restrictions on export were imposed the vegetables would not pass through Hong Kong at all. It is not believed that the export restricts supplies for the local market.

WATER FLUSHED INSTALLATIONS.

The replies to questions asked by Mr. Bragg with regard to water flushed installations are reported elsewhere.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Commendation.

Constable R.15 Ow Young Hin Heng is highly commended by the Captain Superintendent of Police for zeal and skill in the investigation of a case of "Conspiracy to Defraud" in November, 1927. Two men were convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour.

General Inspection.

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accompanied by the Hon. Commissioners of Police will take place at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 31st, at 6.15 p.m. All members are to attend.

Dress: Winter uniform, belts without frogs, no cap covers, no truncheons. (Note: This does not apply to the newly formed Sharpshooters' Company.)

Practice Inspection.

A practice inspection of the whole Police Reserve will be held at 6.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 28th. Dress: As above. All members of the Police Reserve are to attend.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol for Thursday, January 26th, is cancelled.

Sharpshooters' Company.

UNIFORM.

All members who have not been measured for uniform should call at Messrs. Tung Hing & Co., 60, Queen's Road Central, as soon as possible.

REVOLVERS.

All members who are not at present in possession of their revolvers should draw same at O.C.'s Office, Government Laboratory, New Fire Station, 4th floor, any day between the hours of 9 a.m. or 2 and 3 p.m.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

All members who failed to pass Practices 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Sunday, January 8th, and all members who have not yet fired should attend at the Kennedy Road Range on Sunday morning, the 28th inst., at 10 a.m. Those in possession of revolvers should bring them.

(Sgd.) G. B. HARTFORD, D.S.P.
(R.), Adjutant.
Hong Kong, January 25th, 1928.

STAMPING ON THE
"REDS."TRADE UNION POWER
BROKEN.FORMER MAYOR'S ALLEGED
DEFALCATIONS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Outwardly Canton enjoyed a peaceful and prosperous new year, a popular Chinese writer remarking innocently that he had never seen so many people buying flowers for decoration or so many beautifully dressed women and children. If he had looked rather harder he might also have seen an unusually large number of armed patrols, especially on Sunday night, but these were not obtrusive enough to suggest that a severe trial of strength between the Government and the Communists was in progress. Fortunately for Canton General Li Tsai Hsin has the quality of alertness and a drastic comb out was made in the Lung An Tung suburb. Arms, ammunition, Communist badges and seditious literature were found in plenty and forty-four arrests were made, and followed by as many summary executions. These were carried out quietly and expeditiously, and while the general populace hardly knew what was going on the plot was suppressed. The Government have released the assistants of several leading converts from the Red cause and these are now on their way to Europe to carry on the usual "political studies".

The Government is pushing on vigorously with its anti-Trade Union policy and the recent plots have had the contrary effect to what the conspirators expected. Besides calling down the heavy vengeance of the Government public opinion is still further alienated. Printers, restaurant men and shop folk are particularly suffering from the folly of allowing "Red" political adventures to exploit them and they are now virtually without organizations to look after their respective interests.

A general warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr. Kan Nei Kung, former acting Mayor of Canton, for the alleged embezzlement of \$100,000 during his three days administration of the office.

More than 1,500 recruits from Whchow have been made into a regiment and stationed at Shekiang, a town on the East River sector along the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Chinese newspapers in Canton and Hong Kong will resume publications on the sixth day after New Year, but a number of well-known publications will not appear under their original names. Some of their men joined the "Reds" during the upheaval and they have been under suspicion ever since.

The Municipal Department of Public Charity in Canton was closed before Chinese New Year Eve.

A vernacular press review on trade conditions in Canton last year predicts that less than 15 of the local firms in the Rice Guild will be able to resume trade this year with a clear account. The Guild had a membership of about 100 important firms.

INTRIGUE.

The usual web of intrigue and counter-intrigue is being assiduously spun by the dispirited portions of the Kuomintang.

Chiang Kai Shek is still busily engaged in building up a party and in doing so he has to vary the metaphor-iron in every fire. He is doing his best to persuade Generals Li Tsai Hsin and Li Chung Jen not to press Chang Fat Fui and his "Ironclads" to hard. The latter are said to be getting decidedly rusty and Chiang wants to save them for a renewed Northern expedition—possibly he is getting afraid of the growing power of Feng Yu Hsiang.

The situation in Hunan is obscure, and there are rumours that the pro-Kuomintang forces have been beaten at Ring Kiang and Yochow.

The "Reds," exasperated by their bad defeat in Canton are assiduously proclaiming that Swatow has fallen and that Chen Ming Shu, its defender has been wounded and his Fukien troops beaten.

OFF TO EUROPE.

With regard to our Chinese correspondent's remarks about several extremists being their way to Europe the *Hong Kong Po* states:

Dr. C. C. Wu, Sun Fo, Hu Han Min, Wu Teh Ching (ex-Superintendent of Police at Canton), and Fu Ping Sheng (late of the Canton Customs and Commissioner of Foreign Affairs) boarded the *a.s. President Wilson* at Shanghai yesterday (January 25th). Wu Teh Ching is reported to be going back to Canton, while the others are touring Europe and America and Hong Kong, Singapore, India and Turkey. They are expected back in China in six months time.

"BURNS NIGHT" IN HONG KONG.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY'S ANNUAL COMMEMORATION
DINNER.

SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY FUNCTION.

ELOQUENCE AND GOOD CHEER.

Royal Bard of Scotia and mankind, Our thoughts to-night again are waited to thy shrine Beyond the seas, from whence your visions and poetic gems Endeared us to thy name and made us ever thine, Revealing you as seer and spokesman of the human race, Though you had left this sphere long ere you had found your place.

But still your light undimmed does shine, Unfolding with the years more brilliant light; Rays that illumine the best of human hearts Now with us in our night to-night, Sacred and ever dear while life itself shall last.

—HEW MACLAINE.

The annual "Burns Night" anniversary dinner, in commemoration of the birth of Robert Burns, was held yesterday evening at the Volunteer Headquarters, and as usual proved a most successful and happy function. As in previous years, the dinner was held under the auspices of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, but was open to all Scotsmen to attend.

The drill hall, in which the dinner was served, presented a transformed appearance when the company were piped into dinner. National colours draped the walls with the blue and white of St. Andrew predominant throughout the colour scheme. Behind the official table was a picturesque arch of greenery set with lights. On the official table were sprays of heather and spanning the hall were other arches of greenery, with some of the lights encased in St. Andrew's colours. At the far end of the hall was a platform enclosed with flags and bunting, and in the midst of the Scottish Arms, the "Lion Rampant" was the portrait of "Bobbie Burns." To Mr. George Duncan, O.B.E., and his assistants was due the credit of this most effective scheme of decoration.

There were between 50 and 100 present, the majority being members of St. Andrew's Society. The Chairman of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society (Mr. D. Templeton) presided, and among those at the official table were—Mr. B. G. Shewan, Mr. W. Kay, Professor R. E. M. Simpson, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Mr. J. Jack, Mr. G. Duncan, O.B.E., Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mr. G. Grimble, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. A. Stevenson, Dr. Morrison, and Mr. P. Tol.

The company were piped into dinner by Pipers Nisbet and Brown. At a later stage in the proceedings the Haggis, triumphant, borne by Mr. A. McLeod, and the Barley Bree carried by Mr. H. Wylie were piped in by Piper Nisbet. Grace was said by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, who has performed this office for many years on similar occasions.

The dinner was entered for by the Hong Kong Hotel, and the service was all that could be desired.

The Bill of Fare.

Ellisland Broth.
Nithside Salmon Steak.
Mauchline Chicken.
Haggis.
Warm-Reekin—Rich
Ah Haggis—(Suddenly) "Eh,
I'll be bad the morn."
Ayrshire Roast Beef.
Cottar's Greens and Potatoes.
Greenock Dumplings.
Edinburgh Dessert.
Coffee.

The Barley Bree.
Wi merry sangs an' friendly cracks.
I wat we will na weary.

Who says that Bobbie Burns is dead!

Who says he lies below the weed,
A pickle store, bath heat and
hild.

This hunner year!

Deil blast the loons! but they hae
leed!

For Robin's here.

The Toasts.

Let time and chance determine;
Perhaps it may turn out a sang,
Perhaps turn out a sermon.

The first toast was "The King,"
submitted by Mr. Templeton and
duly honoured.

"THE IMMORTAL MEMORY."

OUR HERO'S HEART RULED
HIS HEAD.

The "Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" was proposed by Mr. R. G. Shewan, a Past President of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society.

Mr. Shewan in submitting this silent toast, said:—Chief and Gentlemen,—We are met to-night to celebrate the birthday of a great man whom we are proud to claim as our Countryman, a man who had "misfortunes great and small, but a heart above them all." As the space on that 25th January, 1759, foretold, in very plain language, he certainly had a weakness for the lasses, but he was not the only one, for as he points out himself the wisest man the world ever saw shared that weakness with him, so in face of that we humbler mortals must keep silence and leave these greater men to their bonnie fortunes or misfortunes with the other sex. With men or women our hero's heart always ruled his head, and well he knew it for while he gives excellent advice to a young friend, he ends up by hoping that he may better reckon the rede than ever did the adviser. We Scots are often told that we have a good conceit of our selves. Well why shouldn't we? A country that could produce two such extremes as Robert Burns and John Knox may well be proud of itself.

Knox may well be proud of itself.

But we are not lacking in other testimonials, for Dr. Johnson when he got off his celebrated gibe about Oats for horses and men was silent when asked where he could find finer men than those brought up on oatmeal and the Englishman who said that we kept the Sabbath and everything else we could lay our hands on was dumbfounded when the reply came that the only thing his country ever lets drop was the letter H—(applause)—but we should be very careful in making these comparisons, and bear in mind the fate of the Colonist who boasting how well his countrymen had done in the war, was told "Naturally for your Ancestors were sent out by good Judges." (Laughter.) And now the latest tribute to our merits comes from America where it seems that no Bank Director will engage a manager for his business who is not a Scotsman. And if this is not enough I would remind you that a great modern painter, a great modern poet and our present Prime Minister are all direct descendants of George MacDonald, a true Scots Preacher, Poet and Mystic. I merely mention this in passing as we are a modest people and too much given to "hiding our light." (Laughter.) But all the same who is like us? But Burns was a true Poet we have the witness of Tennyson who declared there never was immortal Poet if Burns be not one, and also of Swinburne and Watson, two Masters of Melody, who have sung of Burns in lines which stir the blood of every Scotsman. Doubtless you know them, but I may repeat a few verses if only to show how two such masters of words can turn them into music to do honour to a rival in their own Art.

This is what Watson says:—

He came when Poets had forgot
How rich and strange the human
lot;

How warm the tints of life; how
hot
Are Love and Hate,
And what makes truth divine, and
Makes Manhood great.

For mid an age of dust and death
Once more had burst immortal
worth

There is the strong splenetic
North
The Spring began.
A mighty mother had brought
forth
A mighty man.

He erred, he sinned, and if there
be
Who, from his hapless frailties
free
Rich in the poorer virtues, see
His faults alone—
To such, O Lord of Charity,
Be mercy shown!

And here Swinburne:—

Above the storms of praise and
blame
That blur with mist his lustrous
name
His thunderous law, let went and
came
And lives and dies
The road that follows on the fame
When Lightning dies.

Then too there is a fine tribute from America by Lowell for Burns' Centenary, which deserves to be better known than it is.

For me to attempt to add to the burning words of these two poets would be wasteful and ridiculous excess. But I will venture one remark. There are some who seem to think that the Scottish poet must be inferior to the English poets. Well let us see. We will take Gray, a highly cultured man and a fair representative of English poetry. Let us see how he and Burns describe the dying day.

Gray's line "The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day" is fine, but does it come up to the quiet beauty and simplicity of "The Wint'ry Sun the Day has closed"? I do not think so. It is the difference between the two men. One is ornate and artificial, the other is simple and natural. There is, too, the difference in the setting, one was thinking of the rich soil and the fat beehives of the South, the other of the bitter biting North and its wind-swept fields. (Applause.)

Love For His Fellow-Man.

It is not only as a great poet that we rejoice in Burns, we love him even more because he was a man with a large hearted love for his fellow-man. Some, perhaps, who are not great-minded, may murmur "and fellow women" but much is forgiven to those who love much, and if such fellow-men it was the man who held in our hearts to-night. Like Abou Ben Adhem, he would not be a Holy Willie and boast of his love of God, but like modest old Abou, he would ask to be written down as one that loved his fellow men, and like him would find his name "lead all the rest."

He not only loved them but he sang to them, and to us who come after, of the glorious joy of being independent and taught us that an honest man's the noblest work of God and the "Peer of any belted Knight or noble Lord." (Applause.)

As Tennyson says Burns is a Poet for all time, but beyond that he was a most lovable loving man whose heart took in all sorts and conditions of men and drew no line at the publicans and sinners.

It was not John Barleycorn but Sociability and Conviviality, the love of their own kind in fact that led Burns and Johnnie and the others at Tam O' Shanter's and Poosie Nansie's when they ought all to have been in their beds. His heart had room for all God's creatures and things, down to the poor field-mouse and the modest crimson-tipped Daisy, and nothing he wrote is, I think, more exquisite than his lines to those two lowly objects. From the highest to the lowest all were his brethren.

But with all his affection for his brethren, he was not blind to faults, and when necessary he could scourge hypocrites and Holy Willies with words of everlasting scorn and contempt. He might as he says "Kee! thro' other men with sharpened sly inspection," but I fear the glass in his hand often interfered with his judgment. His faults were those of all such warm and generous natures, and he was ever on the side of the poor oppressed honest man and swift to resent injustice or arrogance.

Post And Singer.

As a Poet, as a Singer, he needs more eloquence than I possess to do him justice. In Humour and Pathos he holds his own with the best. What can be finer than the very Humour of "The Jolly Beggars" or "The Holy Fair" or "Tam O' Shanter," and as to Pathos what can equal the heartbreak of "Ae fond Kiss," that alone, not to mention "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Mary Morrison" and what a world of sorrow refusing to be comforted is there in the three simple words "My Nannie's awa'."

I do not forget the great names in Literature when I say that to us Scots Burns is "abune them a'," his songs will live for ever and be sung, as Auld Lang Syne is sung now in every corner of the world by all kinds and races of men. But no prophet is honoured in his own country and Burns and a far greater than Robert Burns were made to feel how ungrateful this world can be to its greatest souls. Burns sang his whole soul out to the world and we know what he got in return. And now, Gentlemen, I have kept tryst with the Chief and who commanded me to be here to-night for Scottish Chiefs do not ask, they command saying to this man go and he goeth and so I will not detain you much longer. The old lady complained that "Hamlet was no thing but quotations, so I have done my best to avoid that fault and not carry coals to Newcastle" by quoting Burns to you. Had he never written anything more than "Tam O' Shanter" and "Auld Lang Syne," he would have been immortal, for it is matchless, although there is a song that is even more dear to us than "Auld Lang Syne." The two songs have gone round many worlds together and into many strange ports and places, but the

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LOCAL WEDDING.

STEWART-LANDER.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

There was a wedding of considerable local interest at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, and it was attended by a very large assembly of friends of both bride and bridegroom, who are both well known in Hong Kong, and very popular, especially in Church circles.

The bride was Miss Dorothy Sarah Lander, daughter of the Right Rev. G. H. Lander, D.D., formerly Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, and now Suffragan Bishop of St. Albans. For some months she has been on the nursing staff of the Matilda Hospital.

The bridegroom was Mr. Ewan George Stewart, of St. Paul's College, where his brother, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, is Sub-Warden.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of the Rev. A. D. Stewart, by whom she was given away, wore a dress of white tulle and lace, with veil of Irish lace. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and maiden-hair fern.

She was attended by Miss Kathleen Ann Hewitt, who wore a dress of white net and a Dutch bonnet. There were also in attendance on the bride, two pages, Master Hugh Featherstone and Master James Stewart. The pages wore white sailor suits.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by the Rev. N. V. Harward, and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (formerly domestic Chaplain to Bishop Lander) and the Rev. E. W. L. Martin officiated at the Cathedral.

During the service, the hymns "Thine for Ever" and "O Perfect Love" were sung.

Mr. F. Mason (the Cathedral Organist) who was at the organ, played appropriate wedding music, and as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral, he played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Outside the Cathedral, photographs were taken, and a peal of bells were rung.

A reception was afterwards held at St. Paul's College Hotel, and later Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Taiipo, and also at Reunite Bay.

The bride's going away costume was a three-piece suit of beige frize and crepe-de-chine.

It is interesting to note that the Rev. A. D. Stewart's wife was formerly Miss Lander, and is a sister of the bride of yesterday, an instance of two brothers marrying two sisters.

one I refer to is burned even deeper in the memory of every Scottish lad from childhood, and wherever he may be his heart will beat and his breast will swell at the first sound of those noble old words. Need I tell you, gentlemen what that song is? I think probably you have guessed it. I am sure Mr. Macdonald knows it. It is the 23rd Psalm.

"Ghosts."

Just one more word, there are ghosts in this room to-night, Gentlemen, the spirits of the past are with us here to-night and when you drink in silence to the Immortal Memory of our beloved Poet, our own Raining Robin cast your thoughts back to the men who have gone before you.

To Phineas Rycie, the founder of this Society, and truly the King among us, a fine figure, resplendent in his Tartan from far away Skye.

To Scott of Taikoo, a man entirely after my own heart and his and my friend Fullerton Henderson, the witliest and most attractive of speakers.

To Bennet Billy, a great Merchant Prince, and to James the Politic, who was indeed always the Pink of Politeness, and a fine man for all that.

To David Gillies, who made the Dock and to his Crony o' Mine, Murray Bain of the *China Mail*.

Time fails me to tell of Gedeon and Barak, that is to say of Sandy Gordon and David Wood, or Sandy Thomson, said to be the finest intellect that ever came to China, of Bob Lyall a great ladies' man on the night of the Ball of Geordie Aitken, who lived in mortal terror of Master Gillies, especially when Master Gillies pulled off his hat and threw it on the ground and stamped on it, and of Fraser-Smith, who created the *Hong Kong Telegraph*, edited it in jail, and addressed letters to the public from The Prisoner Behind the Bars, last, but not least, the great Sir Patrick Manson and Jeems Cantlie.

Gentlemen, all these men, these ghosts have passed the Lamp on to you, see that you keep the pure Flame of Love of our Country, old Caledonia stern and wild, ever burning High and Clear.

As for me, my time here is getting short "the wan moon is setting beyond the white wave and time is setting with me," but if I never see you here again, it matters not, for we shall all meet some day in the Land o' the Leal.

Gentlemen, raise your glasses in silence, please. I give you the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. God bless him. (Loud applause.)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1928. [3808]

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IN ENGLAND NOW.

AN old Hong Kong resident, now at home on holiday, is having a rather disappointing experience judging from the tone of a recent letter. In England twenty years ago, he writes, it was quite sufficient to take a ticket to Paris or Switzerland and then return, settle down in one's own native village or town and for the next ten years or more accept the homage due to one who had accomplished something really remarkable in the way of adventure or travel. Distinction was then quite easily earned by the average individual. To have been to the East or the Far East was an achievement, which merited the killing of the fatted calf, as well as long years of honourable and respectful retirement.

How different it all is now-a-days, how hard is the lot of the mere traveller or dweller in the Far East. The hairdresser enters into casual conversation with him by pointing out that he is getting thin on top. The world-wide traveller, or Hong Kong resident, entering into the spirit of the thing attributes the present state of his hair to tropical undergrowth, hoping in that subtle way to impress the barber with his importance. But most annoyingly the barber refuses to be duly impressed and the mere mention of the tropics is sufficient to send him off into some hair raising account of his own exploits while he was with the expeditionary force in East Africa or elsewhere.

Temporarily the old China hand enjoys a slight advantage because his part of the world happens to be in the picture or pictures, and he is likely to have some slightly later knowledge than is possessed by those at home, but the mere fact of having resided in or near China is, in itself, by no means a sufficient claim to recognition. Even if, in the present circumstances, he is invited to address the village institute or Band of Hope it is more than probable that among his audience will be at least half a dozen who know China intimately while the rest will most certainly have close personal connections with the country. Very likely the person addressing the meeting will come away with the conviction that he of all those present was the least qualified to speak on the subject.

These post war conditions make life hard for the customer, who is no longer a curiosity or a public figure. He cannot now pose as a bearer of the white man's burden, especially when he has to admit he pays no income tax, for that is regarded as the great burden. Nor has he the timidity to speak of the hardships of his life as the price of Empire, for he has been found out. Too many people know. Another sorrow that weighs heavily upon him is that his own interests are of slight importance to English people who think they are concerned with bigger things—the price of petrol, the result of the next rugby match and such matters. Moreover, his friend clearly shows that he is interrupting his really serious work in order to listen to an exordium on China. It may be all very interesting and that sort of thing but after all England only gets, or used to get, tea and silk from China, neither of which seems to be lacking now, judging by the enormous number of tea shops all over the country and the latest ladies' fashions. If he has any view on China he agrees heartily with the toast that is drunk by the Defence Force every night. "So this is China! then China for the Chinese." He simply cannot understand why any reasonable person wants to go to China when London is such a pleasant place. Since the great war there is a tired attitude towards adventure; the great aim is to settle down snugly in England; buy a car and travel about the country which is full of historic interest and offers all that a rational creature could wish.

The motto recently suggested for the London County Council is "He that is tired of London is tired of Life," and this is about the key note of home life at present. Of course, to appreciate the advantages of English life it is necessary to miss it occasionally for short periods. That appears to be the only reason why holidays are occasionally taken on the continent.

The theft of a gold chain worth \$100 was reported by Capt. De la Sala of the S.S. *Taihan* on Tuesday.

The Hospital Comforts Committee begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of parcels of literature from Mrs. Langeton and Mrs. Pryde.

Mr. Don Tinling, Traffic Manager for the Orient for the Dollar and Admiral Oriental Lines, sailed for Shanghai on Tuesday by S.S. *President Cleveland*.

The annual ordinary general meeting of Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Thursday, February 9th, at 11 a.m.

Sanitary Inspectors T. W. H. King, G. Frost, A. C. Sinton, and S. G. Poole have been authorized to enter premises and inspect and seize unwholesome food in accordance with section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1900.

The programme at the Heleda May Musical to-day, at 3.30 p.m., will consist of "French Modern Music."

Among passengers leaving the Colony yesterday by the Blue Funnel s.s. *Antenor* were Mr. and Mrs. R. Mein Auster.

The extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, held last evening, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, was private, being for members only.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 7th amounted to 97,669 tons, and the sales during the period to 33,857 tons.

Brevet Col. F. S. Montague-Bates, who commanded the Surreys in Hong Kong, has been appointed to command the 141st (5th London) Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army.

One Chinese case of small-pox was reported from Kowloon during the four days ended on Tuesday and there was also one Chinese case of diphtheria from Victoria during that period.

The 31st ordinary annual meeting of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of the Company, 6th floor, Peider Building, on Monday, February 6th, at noon.

A Chinese woman was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday suffering from severe scalp wounds received when she was knocked down by a tram-car in Des Voeux Road Central. Another admittance to hospital was a coolie who was injured by getting in the way of a motor-car at Aberdeen.

There will be a sale of Crown Land at the Public Works Department Offices to-day, at 3 p.m. The lot in question is situated at Prince Edward Road, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1098. The lot for sale known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1119, has an area of 3,390 square feet, and the upset price is \$3,380. The annual Crown rental is \$16.

There was a very large attendance last evening at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant for the fancy dress carnival dance, arranged by St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club. Prizes were given for the best fancy dress costumes and for the most original costumes. The "Titanic" Melodians supplied the music, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed.

Members are reminded that the annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will be held to-morrow (Friday) at the Club House, at 8.30 p.m. prompt when The Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy) will preside. The reports of the joint Hon. Secretaries and the Hon. Treasurer, will be presented at the election of officers and an Executive Committee for the ensuing year carried out. The question of holding an annual dinner in February will also be discussed.

CATTLE AND SWINE IMPORT.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board Mr. J. P. Braga suggested that the monthly return made to members of the Board of the number of cattle and swine imported into the Colony, should also be sent to the local Press. He thought they would prove of much interest to the general public.

For instance, went on Mr. Braga, the figures for November showed that 20,000 animals were imported, while in December a month later, this figure went up to 31,000.

The President agreed to supply the Press with the figures in future, but commented that the dealers did not wish the prices to be made public.

WEATHER REPORT.

SOME RAIN.
Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone over S. Man-churia is moving eastward. A depression is approaching Shanghai from the westward. Moderate rain may be expected over the North China Sea.
Local Forecast:—East winds, moderate; overcast; some rain.

"BURNS NICHT."
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"THE LASSIES."

A COMPLIMENT TO THE FAIR SEX.

The toast to "The Lassies" was entrusted to Mr. W. Kay. In submitting this toast, Mr. Kay said he did not suppose there was a man in the room who knew less about them (the lassies) than he did. (Laughter.) That was Scotch modesty. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kay went on to relate, in humorous vein, that he had been lured into proposing this toast. The invitation came at Christmas, he said, and like his bills, remained unattended to. When it was too late to retract he had to accept the responsibility of submitting the toast.

Why, he asked, was this toast always given to a bachelor to propose, especially a disappointed bachelor like himself? Why should it not be given to a married man with more experience of the lassies? Was it because they had not enough admiration of the sex?

Mr. Kay went on to relate how he spoke to his boy on the subject of the fair sex, and said that when his "boy" asked him why he did not take a wife he (Mr. Kay) retorted "Would I be more comfortable if I did?" Whereupon his Mongolian philosopher returned an emphatic negative reply. (Laughter.) Further, in explanation, the "boy" told him that, when an Englishman, which probably included Scots, "catches wife, wife makes No. 1, and Englishman No. 2." (Laughter.)

Poetry continued the speaker, spoke both complementarily and in terms of cynicism of the lassies. Shakespeare had it "Frailty thy name is woman," and again "Men were deceivers ever."

The poet they were celebrating that night was a ladies' man no doubt, and he showered compliments on them. The speaker thought the finest lines Robert Burns had written in this respect were in "Green Grow the Rashens O," in which he wrote:—

"Auld Nature swears the lovely dears,
Her nobler work she classes O.
Her prettier hand she tried on man,
And then she made the lassies O."

Lassies in Competition.
Continuing, Mr. Kay said that whereas the lassies "had formerly been a slave to man they were now in competition with him, on an equal basis. They had to-day lawyers, doctors, and yes, even schoolmasters among the lassies. Scotland had not been behind in this. For instance, he noticed that only one last class football club in Great Britain had a woman on the Board of Directors, and that was the Edinburgh Hibs. (Laughter and applause.)

After continuing in humorous vein, Mr. Kay paid further tribute to the fair sex. Referring to motherhood he spoke of environment and early training, especially in the years of adolescence, when the mother was responsible for the most part with regard to the building of character. Any man, he said, who deserved and earned respect, owed it to his womanfolk.

Mr. Kay concluded his submission of the toast to "The Lassies" with the following quotation from Sir Walter Scott:—

"O Woman in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou."

(Loud applause.)

THE REPLY.

THE JOKE IS ON THE BACHELOR.

Replying to the toast of "The Lassies," Professor R. K. M. Simpson said:—Mr. President. Mr. Kay, Gentlemen, replying to this toast is for me a great honour and pleasure. To answer for the lassies must be a pleasure for any man, and I should not mention it; but it gives me special pleasure for a special reason. Burns once visited his native place. He liked it so well, that he wrote a poem asking a bonny lassie to go courting with him there. That poem, The Birka O' Aberfeldy, is still a popular song. It was, along with the Auld Hundreded, the first poetry I ever read.

But sir, it must often have struck you that there is something odd about this toast being proposed by a bachelor. I know it is a tradition. I suspect it is a tradition meant to lead to a joke. And the joke is on the bachelor. Because, really, for a bachelor to talk about lassies, is like a blind man talking of beauty, a farmer discussing the weather, or a London journalist writing on China. Perhaps Mr. Kay is waiting till he is ten years richer, to marry someone twenty years younger. If so let him take warning from Burns expression of the

sentiments of Spring married to Winter.
"What can a young lassie do
What can a young lassie do
With an auld man?
Bad luck on the pennie that
tempted my Minnie
To sell her poor Jenny for
silver and lan!"

He may find, that, instead of being rejoiced by, the wife of his bosom.
"He's peevish and jealous of
the young fellows"
When I tell him this I think I am, in every sense of the phrase, answering for the lassies. I hope I am also answering for the lassies when I quote again.

"A man may drink and no be drunk;
A man may fight and no be slain;
A man may kiss a bonny lass,
And aye be welcome back again."

Not His Best As a Bachelor.

Mr. Kay has spoken well; for a bachelor. But it was not as a bachelor that Burns said his best things about the lassies. He became a married man very early in life and became a good man after that. His verses of "The Tumbler Lassie," "The Mauchline Bells," "On Clara," "The Highland Lassie," "The Lassie of Ballochmyle," and "On a Lovely Day," "Bonny wee thing, cannae wee thing, lovely wee thing, wert thou mine, etc."—these are all perfect in their kind. But deeper in its sweetness, more potent in its national influence, is what he wrote after marriage, now inscribed on his monument in the Square of Dumfries.

"To make a happy fireside elime
For weans and wife,
That's the true pathos and sublime
Of human life."

He Chose To Return To Jean Armour.

Before he was able to write that Burns had given up much. A famous critic, not always favourable to Burns, has said that the three things necessary to the support of genius are "prosperity, social acquaintance, and applause." Burns found these in Edinburgh in 1787. He might have enjoyed them all his life. With their support he might have risen to even greater heights than the pinnacle on which he is now established. But he chose to return to Jean Armour. He thought that a small farm, or £50 a year as an Excise man, in the country with a wife and family, was worth more than prosperity, social acquaintance, or growing fame. The Roman Mark Antony is usually instanced as the symbol of the world well lost for love. But the Roman is an ignoble example, as compared with the Scottish Robbie Burns.

That Sir, is why the toast is so important on this anniversary. And that is why I am glad to be able to say on behalf of the lassies, that I thank Mr. Kay for what he has so admirably said, and thank you for the spirit with which you have honoured the occasion.

Mr. Kay has justly given expression to a strange Bachelor's Philosophy in "A Dominie's Doggerel." But what he has said to-night is a worthier expression of the more typically Scottish creed which Burns versified when he wrote "I have been blythe wi' comrades dear;
I have been merry drinking;
I have been joyful gath'rin gear;
I have been happy thinking;
But a' the pleasures ere I saw
The three times doubl'd fairly.

That happy night was worth them a'.
Among the rigs o' barley,
On behalf of the lassies I thank you."

Professor Simpson's speech was punctuated with much laughter and applause throughout.

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

During the evening songs, Scottish in character, as befitted the evening, were given by Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Blackley, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Butcher, while others present also contributed to the enjoyment of the evening on the entertainment side.

Mr. G. Grimes accompanied at the piano for the vocalists.

WI' MR. MACONACHIE.
As usual, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald was immensely popular when he gave his usual interlude (of half an hour) of instances of Scottish humour. He kept the company laughing all the time with his humorous sallies.

At the conclusion of his contribution, he recalled the many previous "Burns Night" Dinners he had attended, and remarked that he had said something at each function, even at the first, when he was taken by surprise when called upon to "speak by Mr. G. M. Young, whom he remembered as being in the chair on that memorable occasion.

Mr. Macdonald also mentioned that this would probably be the last occasion on which he would attend a "Burns Night" dinner in Hong Kong, but added that he would, in the years he hoped were yet left to him, look back and remember these happy gatherings.

In conclusion, Mr. Macdonald, referring to Mr. R. G. Shewan, spoke of him as the "Grand Old Man of the Scottish Community in Hong Kong." Not old in years, perhaps, as years went, but old in the East, where the population was constantly changing, and of short duration generally in the Colony.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

AN ORDERLY NEW YEAR.

MAGISTRATE'S LENIENCY.

Chinese New Year cases figured in the police courts yesterday, but they were mostly of a very innocuous brand, relating to ill-timed letting off of crackers, an offence which the Magistrate viewed with a paternally lenient eye. Mr. Lindell, remarking that drivers should be on the look out for sudden burstings of crackers and he himself had driven through several Chinese streets without experiencing any discomfort.

No more gamblers appeared—the time for "gambling for joss" being over—and there were no serious offences.

CRACKER FIRING CASES.

When a number of Chinese were summoned to appear at the Central Magistracy yesterday for firing crackers to the danger of the public or without permits, Mr. R. E. Lindell remarked that the case was not at all in sympathy with such prosecutions just because a man had thrown some crackers into the street.

The majority of those summoned failed to appear and had their bail exonerated. In dealing with those who were present, his Worship imposed fines of \$1 in four cases and another was fined \$2. The defendants were cautioned and discharged in other cases.

In supporting the charge against a Chinese who threw crackers into the street from a verandah at Wanchai, a police officer pointed out the danger to motor traffic with crackers bursting in front of the cars. His Worship said that in view of the Chinese New Year, every car driver would naturally take the precaution to have his hood up. He had himself driven through Wanchai several times during the holidays and had experienced no trouble.

In the case of a Chinese from West Point who was summoned for firing crackers during prohibited hours, Mr. Lindell termed the prosecution as bad. He said that it had been held before that the Government notification only covered the firing of strings of crackers from houses, and not the little aquibs, which did not come under the prohibited hours. The defendant in this case was also discharged.

PORK SELLER FINED.

A charge of exposing for sale unwholesome pork was "proved against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday."

Mr. M. J. Reidy, assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, described the pork as putrid and unfit for human consumption.

In imposing a fine of \$25, his Worship remarked that defendant's statement that his only son had died on Chinese New Year Eve was a mitigating circumstance.

CAUGHT ON A STAIRCASE.

A Chinese who was found on the staircase of No. 21, Leighton Hill Road at 1 a.m. on Monday was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with being there for an unlawful purpose.

The man pleaded guilty, and admitted that he had stolen jewellery worth over \$2,000 on three previous occasions from the same house. The police said that the defendant was formerly employed by the complainant's husband in an aerated water factory and visited the house on various occasions to do some carpentry work. It was alleged that he stole the jewellery during such visits.

Defendant was remanded until Saturday.

TWO CHARGES DROPPED.

The Chinese who had been before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on a previous occasion when he was charged with stealing letters from a private box in the staircase of a house at West Point and with obtaining money by false pretences was discharged by the Magistrate yesterday.

His Worship remarked that defendant was lucky in that there was not sufficient evidence to convict him on the original charge of stealing letters.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

There were no serious accidents and few offences against traffic regulations during the Chinese New Year holidays and Major C. Willson had very few cases to deal with yesterday at the Central Magistracy.

A Chinese named Tse Ké Po was summoned for disobeying a traffic signal at Garden Road. Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander said that the defendant was a learner and had a trained driver seated beside him. Instead of putting on the brakes when he was signalled to stop, defendant stepped on the clutch. The Inspector added that the report was made by Captain Whyte, of Government House.

The Magistrate fined the defendant \$5, remarking that it was a technical offence due to inexperience.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on a Chinese who was found guilty of travelling at 30 miles an hour in Queen's Road East on January 16th at 9.30 p.m.

SHANGHAI NATIVE CITY.

POLICEMEN REFUSE TO GO ON DUTY.

PANIC-STRICKEN CITIZENS.

(Wah Keung Po.)

Yesterday, policemen of the Native City refused to go on duty. The city is, in consequence, without proper protection, and citizens are panic-stricken.

Nationalists Need Money.

Mr. T. V. Soong has returned to Shanghai, on Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's orders, and is trying to raise \$12,000,000 from the merchants. He has, so far, succeeded in raising \$3,000,000.

Two More Army Commanders.

Marshal Chiang has commissioned another two Army Commanders; Fang Ting Ying of Kiangsi is made Commander of the 40th Army and Ko Kwai Chi Commander of the 47th Army.

Military Unrest in South Kiangsi.

General Chu Pei Teh has returned to Kiangsi from Nanking owing to military unrest in South Kiangsi.

MUNITIONS FOR CHINA.

OFFICIAL GERMAN STATEMENT.

A TELEGRAM FROM HONG KONG.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Berlin, Jan. 24th. Replying to a question before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Naval Department had assured the Foreign Office that neither it, nor any of its officials, had had anything to do with the shipments of arms and ammunition to China.

The Foreign Office, he added, had accepted this as a formal denial of the rumours which had been put into circulation.

The *Lokalanzeiger* publishes a telegram from Hong Kong stating that the Nanking Government has ordered all branches of two German firms alleged to be concerned in the dealings, to be closed and their managers arrested on charges of rebellion.

The firms are accused of supplying to Marshal Chang Tso Lin weapons shipped in the Norwegian steamer *Skule*.

[This statement probably refers to the Memorandum issued on Friday last by the Nationalist Minister for Foreign Affairs, in which he urged the Military Council to attempt to detain the officers in Nationalist territory of the offending German firms, found to be concerned with the illicit arms traffic, and that the German and Norwegian Consuls be communicated with, suggesting that they warn their nations against any further violations of the law.]

FOR THE CHINA STATION.

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" COMING EAST.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Jan. 24th. The cruiser *Cumberland*, the first of the County class, will leave Sheerness on January 26th to join the cruiser squadron on the China Station.

BANKS AND THE BRITISH COTTON INDUSTRY.

QUESTION OF REORGANISATION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

London, Jan. 24th. Presiding at the annual meeting of Martin's Bank, Liverpool, Mr. Holland Martin declared that the suggestion put forward that the banks should come to the assistance of the Lancashire cotton industry and more or less take over control, by investing in debentures and shares, was impracticable.

The suggestion was entirely against the traditions of English banking. The banks, he assured the shareholders, were still prepared to make such advances as they deemed safe, but the re-organisation of the industry must come from within.

C. C. WU, SUN FO AND PARTY.

OFF ON A LONG TOUR.

VISITING INDIA, EUROPE AND AMERICA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25th. A party of fifteen Chinese, headed by Dr. C. C. Wu and Sun Fo, sailed on December 30th in the *President Wilson*, which is on a tour around the world.

Their purpose is unofficially to mediate as to the revision of the so-called unequal treaties and to open negotiations for treaties with countries at present having no relations with China.

The delegation booked to Colombo and plan a month's tour in India, possibly visiting Afghanistan, Iraq and Persia thence to Turkey and Europe, after which they will visit North and South America.

U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

RE-DISCOUNT RATE INCREASED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 25th.

The Federal Reserve Bank has raised the re-discount rate from 3 1/2 to 4 per cent.

U.S. GOLD.

DOLLAR VALUE DETERMINES GOLD PRICES.

BRITISH EXPERT'S VIEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 24th.

"The world to-day is on a dollar standard," declared the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, Chairman, presiding at the annual meeting of the Midland Bank held in London to-day.

America was able to control the world price level, he said, because her gold stocks were so great that she could afford to lose large quantities without any risk of her gold reserves falling below the legal minimum.

The central banking system of the United States was so constituted that, given her great wealth, she could absorb large quantities of gold and at the same time deprive it of its credit-creating powers.

The development of the central bank policy of the United States had shown that while gold might be retained as the medium for making international payments, it could be easily deprived of its function as the ultimate standard of value.

The American price level could not be affected by gold movements, but it was controlled by the policy of the reserve banks in expanding or contracting credit. Consequently, it was not the value of gold in America which determined the value of the dollar, but the value of the dollar that determined the value of gold.

Although gold, he concluded, was still the nominal basis of most currencies, the real determinant of the movements of the world level of prices was the U.S. dollar.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Capital and Labour.

Rugby, Jan. 25th. Mr. McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank, at the general meeting of shareholders said that the hope expressed a year ago that 1927 would witness the dawn of a new era in industrial relationships, and an upward trend in prosperity had been fulfilled.

There had, he said, undoubtedly been a great improvement in the relations between capital and labour, and further a gradual but steady recovery of trade following the grave difficulties through which the country passed in 1926.

He did not, however, suggest there was cause for unbounded optimism. The problems yet before the country were numerous and complicated, but the background was much brighter than it was a year ago.

THE C.P.R.

WHAT IT HAS DONE FOR CANADA.

MR. BALDWIN'S TRIBUTE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Jan. 24th.

The new Canadian Pacific steamer, *Duchess of Bedford*, for service between Liverpool and Saint Lawrence, was launched to-day by Mrs. Baldwin. The Prime Minister was also present, and at a subsequent luncheon, he referred to the immense part played by the Canadian Pacific Railway in the development of Canada. To it they owed the union and relation of Canada from east to west.

THE FORD AEROPLANE.

FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE.

TINY TWO-CYLINDER ENGINE.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Jan. 24th.

The Ford aeroplane has made its first public appearance. The plane has a wing spread of under twenty feet and a petrol capacity of 48 gallons stored in wing tanks.

The aeroplane is driven by a tiny two-cylinder motor and is very similar to the small fighting planes used by the French during the war. Piloted by Harry Brooks, who was heavily clad as the cabin is unenclosed, the machine left for Miami on a non-stop flight.

New York, Jan. 25th.

The Ford aeroplane was forced down at Asheville, North Carolina, owing to the formation of ice on the wings.

T.U.C. AND EMPLOYERS.

DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE.

MR. A. J. COOK IN OPPOSITION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 24th.

After a lengthy sitting, the General Council of the Trade Union Congress officially stated that it had decided to continue discussions with the employers and had authorised a committee including Messrs. Ben Turner, J. H. Thomas, and Will Thorne, to confer with the employers' committee. It is understood that there was a substantial majority in favour of continuing the discussions.

Mr. Cook claimed that six members of the Council were opposed to a continuance of discussions without a mandate from the Union.

BELLICOSE PATRIOTS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S VIEW.

NO REASON TO TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24th.

It is announced that President Coolidge sees no reason why the newspapers of the United States or any other country should take seriously the statements of American naval officers predicting war between the United States and commercial competitors.

The Presidential statement, evoked by the declaration of Rear-Admiral Plunkett, was to the effect that alarming charges are often made when appropriations are sought from Congress. The President considered that it was difficult to curb speakers for fear of raising the cry of violation of free speech, but he recommended those charged with the policy of considering the welfare of the country in public statements.

INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE.

WORK RESUMED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24th.

The strike of East Indian Railway workers has ended. The workers have resumed work on being promised full pay for the two days during which they were on strike and no victimisation.

RIGHTS OF THE SAMOANS.

WHAT THE N.Z. OPPOSITION LEADER ADVOCATES.

APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

WELLINGTON, Jan. 25th.

Prompt action by the League of Nations to preserve the historic rights of the Samoans is advocated by Mr. Holland, leader of the Opposition, replying to Mr. Coates' statement. He declares that the recall of Major-General Richardson, Administrator of Samoa, is an immediate necessity.

AFGHAN ROYALTY.

RECEIVE THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Jan. 24th.

During their brief stay at Nice, the King and Queen of Afghanistan to-day received the Duke of Connaught, who is staying at Cap Ferret. Owing to his health the Duke will be unable to return to London in March, when King Amanullah and his Queen will visit England.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

FURTHER REDUCTION.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Jan. 24th.

A further reduction by over 38,000 in the number of persons unemployed is recorded by the Ministry of Labour for the week end, January 16th.

The number of men, women and boys unemployed was 1,193,000, which is the lowest recorded for the corresponding date of any year since 1920.

The Industrial Transference Board, which was recently appointed to consider the question of finding work in other parts of the country and dominions for unemployed workers, and particularly miners, in areas where unemployment is acute, are making a thorough preliminary survey before visits are paid to these areas.

U.S. NAVAL OIL RESERVES.

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION APPOINTED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24th.

In consequence of a report of the naval oil inspector that the Honolu Consolidated Oil Company is selling oil from the naval reserve of California to the Royal Dutch Shell interests, Mr. Wilbur has appointed a commission to investigate and make recommendations with a view to preventing the disposal of oil from the United States Naval Reserves to foreign companies.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES CORRIGAN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 25th.

The death is announced of the millionaire steam magnate and race horse owner, James Corrigan, who died suddenly while entering the Athletic Club here.

EDUCATION OF INDIAN WOMEN.

INFLUENCE IN THE HOME.

LONDON, Jan. 2nd.

"Women in India exercise far greater influence at home than in any country in the world with which I am acquainted," declared Sir Atal Chatterjee, speaking at the Head Mistresses' Conference on the education of women in India.

He added their influence outside the home, although not so obstructive, is still very powerful. The professional man who neglects the influence of Indian women at home and abroad must be a complete failure in his profession.

Age of Marriage.

He laid stress on the importance of the education of Indian women, regarding which he mentioned it was badly needed in connection with the question of raising the age of marriage and also to provide occupation for widows who do not remarry.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25th.

The House of Representatives have voted an increase to the annual Shipping Board appropriations of from \$12,000,000 to \$13,400,000 in order to finance the reconditioning of ten vessels for use in the export of coal trade.

"CONQUEROR AT THE GALLOP."

CITY RELIC FOUND AFTER 200 YEARS.

After being lost for 200 years, the seal of William the Conqueror, which originally was attached to the Charter of Liberties granted by him to the burgesses of the City of London, has been found at the Guildhall.

While examining other relics of the City's past, Mr. A. H. Thomas, Clerk of the Records of the Corporation, identified fragments of the long lost seal and fitted them together. They formed the centre of the seal only.

Mr. J. P. Gilson, Keeper of the Manuscripts at the British Museum, has confirmed Mr. Thomas' identification of the seal, and a report of the discovery will be presented to the Court of Common Council.

In the Charter of Liberties, to which the seal will be reattached, William the Conqueror declares:

William, King, greets William, Bishop, and Geoffrey, Portreeve, and all the burgesses with him London, French and English, friendly. And I declare to you that I will that ye be of all the laws worthy that ye were in King Edward's day. And I will that every child be his father's heir, after his father's day, and I will not suffer that any man offer you any wrong. God keep you.

On his seal the Conqueror is shown riding at the gallop, clad in a hauberk of chain mail worn over a tunic. His helmet is hemispherical. In his right hand he holds a lance, from which waves a pennon of three streamers; in his left he grasps a shield shaped like a kite.

Sword and Orb.

On the counterseal, or reverse, he is depicted on a backless throne, wearing a crown, on each of the three points of which is a fleur-de-lis. Upheld in his right hand is a sword, and in his left rests an orb surmounted by a cross.

King William's Charter is one of thousands of other priceless relics possessed by the City and preserved in specially ventilated strong rooms wherein the temperature is always kept at 60 degrees.

FOOL PROOF "TOTE."

RETIRED NAVAL MAN'S INVENTION.

A new type of automatic totalisator is to be tested by the Irish Free State Government. It is the invention of Engineer-Commander Barry Hocken, R.N. (retired), and is based on a gunnery director he invented before the war. It was explained to a *Daily Mail* reporter at the works of the makers, Messrs. E. R. Watts and Son, Limited, in Camberwell-road, S.E.

Tubes, each containing a different coloured liquid, represent the horses in the race. The tubes are measured by a scale giving the amount of money wagered on each horse. Another tube gives the total amount staked at any moment, less 10 per cent deducted for expenses. It is thus possible to tell by the rising of the coloured columns in the indicator exactly how money is being staked and how much will be available for distribution.

The tubes are connected with the bets issuing office or offices. Here there is a chamber in which the liquid is kept at high pressure, and as each bet is taken an impulse sends the liquid in the tubes upwards.

Commander Hocken said: "The instrument is fool-proof and can be watched from a special indicator at the central office. It had notes are handed daily to the particular betting office and the time of handing is fixed. The 'tote' is operated by machines similar to those used for issuing tickets at underground stations, or can be adapted to any ticket issuing system the authorities desire."

Members of the Jockey Club, it is stated, will give the invention a trial.

MOTH PLANES.

DE HAVILLAND FACTORY FOR TORONTO.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Jan. 24th.

The De Havilland Aircraft Company, Ltd., intend to establish a factory at Leaside Aerodrome, Toronto, primarily to provide a service station for the many Moth light aeroplanes that are being supplied to Canada.

The business manager of the De Havilland Company, who recently visited Canada, believes that quick development of aviation in Canada will depend on cheap light aeroplanes.

NEW ARMY RANK OF BRIGADIER.

A TEMPORARY ONE ONLY.

FIRST USED BY THE FRENCH.

Some details have now been settled in relation to the new rank of Brigadier, which, as announced in Parliament, is to be brought into use this year to supersede those of Colonel-Commandant and Colonel-on-the-Staff. The rank is to be a temporary one, held while a colonel commands a brigade or school, or fills an appointment equivalent to that of a chief of a staff. There will not be any alteration in the rank badges worn on the shoulder straps, these remaining as now for the superseded ranks.

The official records show that the title of brigadier was first constituted in France by Louis XIV. and given to commanders having the charge of several regiments. The title was at one time used in the British Army, but was dropped in peace time being revived in 1711, refers to the old-time brigadier as he who commanded a brigade of so many squadrons of horse or battalions of foot; next in rank to a major-general; and it adds that the brigadier of foot commanded him of horse while doing garrison duty; but that in the field the brigadier of horse became the senior.

Gross's "Military Antiquities" has a 1786 reference to "Brigadier" being interchangeable with "Colonel" in the British Army after the French model. Morpheus's Dictionary also states that "Brigadiers of the Horse Guards command as youngest captains of Horse."

Search is being made for any Royal Warrant authorizing the use of the rank of brigadier other than as an adoption at will in organization. This point is of interest in connection with the preparation of the Royal Warrant next spring which is to authorize the title in definite official form, probably the first such Warrant.

DRINK NO EXCUSE.

MURDER APPEAL BY FORMER CONSTABLE DISMISSED.

The Court of Criminal Appeal dismissed the appeal of Fred Fielding, a former Metropolitan police constable, against the sentence of death passed on him at the Manchester Assizes for the murder of his former sweetheart, Eleanor Pilkington, at Rishington, near Ayr, on November 6th. It was alleged that Fielding stabbed Miss Pilkington as she was returning home from a dance because he was jealous of her changed affections.

Mr. B. Ormerod (for Fielding) said the case for the prosecution was that Fielding bought a knife, and told the girl's father that if he could not see her he would be without a daughter in less than a week. The defence was that Fielding was under the influence of drink, and had no recollection as to what had happened, except that he had a knife in his hand and saw the girl stagger away. The appeal was based very largely on the ground that certain considerations with regard to evidence of premeditation were not put before the jury to such an extent as to prevent the evidence having an unnecessary and exceptionally large weight with the jury. If Fielding had had the intention to murder Miss Pilkington, and had formed that intention a week or ten days before, he would have taken other opportunities to commit the crime.

Dismissing the appeal, the Lord Chief Justice said the law of this country was that drink afforded no excuse for crime. It might be that in a particular case a man was so utterly and completely under the influence of alcohol as to be unable of form a criminal intent, but there was no evidence of such a state of intoxication in that case.

FIERCE GALES IN ENGLAND.

THUNDERSTORMS, RAIN, HAIL, SLEET, SNOW, SQUALLS.

THAMES AGAIN IN FULL FLOOD.

FATALITIES AND DAMAGE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 25th.

The country has been swept by fierce gales accompanied with thunderstorms, heavy rain, hail, sleet and snow, culminating in a succession of violent squalls.

A man was blown over and killed at Kingston and another killed at Leeds when a wall, under which he was sheltering, was blown down.

A number of motor-cars and lorries were blown over in the roads around London.

A ballast train had a narrow escape near Haverlegh, when a landslide of hundreds of tons of rocks and earth crashed on to the line.

The Thames is again in full flood and running bank-high for several miles in the lower reaches and vast areas are inundated in Cheshire. The bodies of cattle and sheep are floating in the Mersey, and many other districts throughout the country are flooded.

THE AFFAIRS OF MR. LANSBURY'S SONS.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

THE RUSSIAN JEWELS.

A sitting of the Bankruptcy Court was held on December 18th, before Mr. Registrar Francke, for the public examination of Edgar Isaac Lansbury, Louis Coleman, and William Arthur Lansbury, trading in co-partnership as the Anglo-Russian Three Ply and Veneer Company, at 3 and 4, Charlotte-street, E.C., and 101-103, St. Stephen's-road, Old Ford. The firm failed last June, and accounts have been lodged showing total liabilities £42,278 (unsecured £36,110), and net assets valued at £11,850.

A medical certificate was handed in on behalf of the debtor Coleman, whose examination was adjourned until next sittings.

The debtor Edgar Isaac Lansbury, in reply to Mr. E. Parke, Official Receiver, stated that in 1910 he and his brother joined in partnership the debtor Coleman, who had carried on the business for four years. The firm's insolvency was due to lack of working capital and to out prices resulting from a falling off during the last two years of their trading. He admitted that the heavy drawings of the partners, who were returned in the deficiency account at £18,873 for the 34 years preceding the failure were not justified by the profits earned. He also admitted that his present wife earned about £20 a week as an actress. Having regard to the present position he agreed that his personal and household expenditure during the past five years had been extravagant and could not be justified.

Mr. Parke.—You had none of that money anywhere at the date of the receiving order?

The debtor.—Not one farthing, absolutely.

Examined regarding two amounts of £510 and £378 credited to the capital and drawing accounts of the firm respectively, the debtor explained that they related to repayment of money borrowed from his first wife, who had obtained it from other persons. It was money which he had held for Mr. Francis Meynell.

Mr. Parke.—Can you tell the Court from what source that money came?

The debtor replied that the whole story relating that money was told by Mr. Lloyd George to the Press and became public property. It was to the effect that Mr. Meynell brought some diamonds from the Continent and converted them into cash, which he wished to go to the *Daily Herald*, but that the proprietors refused to take it.

The Registrar.—Russian stolen jewels?

Mr. Parke.—How much of that money did you hold?

The debtor.—As one time, £10,000.

Mr. Arthur Lansbury was also examined by the Official Receiver, and agreed generally with the evidence given by his brother. He admitted that, having regard to the firm's profits, his drawings were extravagant and incapable of justification.

The examination of the Brothers Lansbury was ordered to be concluded.

SCOUTS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

PRINCE OF WALES' BANNER AWARDED.

INSPECTION BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Yesterday the Boy Scouts of the Colony assembled on the lawn in front of Government House for the presentation of the Prince of Wales' Banner to the winning troop, the 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts, by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) who was accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Capt. Whyte.

Among spectators of the ceremony were the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, President of the Hong Kong Boy Scouts' Association, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria), Mr. A. E. Ralphs, and Mr. R. E. Lindsell, in addition to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, the local Scout Commissioner, who was in charge of the parade, and District Scoutmaster A. White.

The Scouts were drawn up in a semi-circle with the Wolf Cub in the middle when H.E. the Governor passed along the ranks inspecting them.

At the conclusion of the inspection Mr. R. E. Dovey and Mr. H. Wong, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster of the 2nd Troop, St. Andrews, and Mr. D. W. Luke, Scoutmaster of the 16th Troop, Tai Koo Scottish, were sworn in to their respective posts.

The Banner's Origin.

District Scoutmaster A. White outlined the history of the Banner, and announced the order of the competing troops.

When H.E. the Prince of Wales visited Hong Kong, he saw the Scout emblem on a wall and was specially impressed, and after his departure, and with his permission, Sir Reginald Stables presented the two silver banners from the sides of the chair, made into banners, to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in this Colony, who gratefully received them, and have ever since used them as challenge banners for annual competition in Scout and Guide emergency. The Scout troop winning it has, for the year of tenure, the right to be called "The Governor's Troop." Troops are given for efficiency as proved in the rallies at which inter-troop contests are held, founded on the Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class and King's Scout badges, and also by returns from each competing troop showing the year's work in respect of those badges. The maximum obtainable is 200 points.

"We should like," Mr. White concluded, "to take this opportunity of thanking His Excellency the Governor for his continued interest in the movement, and H.E. the General Officer Commanding, and Mrs. Lumsden for their great kindness in allowing the Scouts to use the grounds of Headquarters House for the two annual rallies."

Competition Results.

The result of the competition for 1927 was as follows:—

- 1st H.K. Sea Scouts 120
- 2nd H.K. Troop, King's College 122
- 3rd H.K. Troop, 1st Central 124
- 4th H.K. Troop, 1st Central 124
- 5th H.K. Troop, St. Paul's College 110
- 6th H.K. Troop, 1st South 104
- 7th H.K. Troop, Queen's College 91
- 8th H.K. Troop, Tai Koo Chinese 72
- Equal 9th H.K. Troop, St. Joseph's College 61
- Equal 10th H.K. Troop, Roving Fifth 61
- Equal 11th H.K. Troop, 1st Yau Ma Tei 61
- Equal 12th H.K. Troop, Tai Koo Scottish 50
- Equal 13th H.K. Troop, Ying Wa College 50

Presentation Of The Banner.

The 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts then marched to the centre of the semi-circle and three Scouts came forward to receive the banner from H.E. the Governor. After saluting H.E. the Governor and the remaining Scouts they marched back to a position at the head of the line amidst applause.

The Governor's Advice And Warning.

In addressing the parade H.E. the Governor said: "Boy Scouts, I am glad to have this opportunity of inspecting you and I congratulate the First Hong Kong Sea Scouts on winning the Prince of Wales' Banner. The Prince of Wales' motto is 'Ich dien,' which means 'I serve'; and you who have won this banner must show yourselves worthy to carry it by."

(Continued on next Column.)

DEVASTATED AREAS IN FRANCE.

A TALE OF PROGRESS.

POPULATION DOUBLED.

PARIS, Dec. 22nd.

The Senate to-day brought the debate on the Estimates to a conclusion, and passed on to the discussion of the Finance Bill. In the course of the proceedings, M. de Labrousse asked for information as to the progress made in the devastated areas.

M. Laval replied that out of the total amount of 86,000,000,000 set aside for compensation the sum of 72,000,000,000 had been allotted. Fifty per cent. of this had been paid in cash, 14 per cent. in kind, and 20 per cent. had been settled by other means such as shares, mortgages, etc. There had been 3,800,000 claims, of which only 800,000 remained to be examined. Whereas formerly some 65,000 officials had been engaged in the work there were now only about 4,000. The result, he declared, gave some measure of the gigantic task accomplished by the country.

Land Cleared.

Some further details of the work accomplished in the devastated areas is given in a report by M. Paul Riquier. This shows that the population of the ten Departments, which was 2,075,000 at the time of the Armistice, has now risen to 4,000,000, which is only 14,170 less than in 1914. Of the 17,010 public buildings destroyed, 13,330 have been rebuilt, and of the 7,000 schools destroyed almost the whole have been re-established. The number of Post Offices in the Departments has actually been increased, together with the telephone network, and the number of subscribers has been doubled. Roads and railways have been almost completely restored, and the means of local communication improved as compared with 1914. More than 7,000,000 acres of land ravaged by shell fire have been cleared and brought under cultivation. It is estimated that the whole work will be finished during 1929.—Times.

loyal and faithful service in that world-wide brotherhood of youth which is the Boy Scouts' Association.

During last year there came under my notice some actions by Scoutmasters and Scouts which were not creditable to the Association. I am glad to say that anything of this kind is very unusual, but I wish to address to you, one and all, a word of warning. It is the reasonable aim of every Scout and Guide to "get on"—as the saying is in life. But remember that a cynic has infected the phrase "get on" through the usual degrees of comparison with this curious linguistic result—"get on," "get honour," "get honest." And I desire you to bear in mind that "unless your lives exemplify the superlative degree in that table of comparison, it will avail you little to 'get on' or even to 'get honour.'" This precept may stick in your memory more easily, if I put it into the form of a rhyme, thus—

If you want to get on and get honour, get honest.

The superlative first, of the rest of it non est.

But the matter is put best of all in the Scouts' Law which says—"A Scout's honour is to be trusted." This law is fundamental and you must each of you obey it most scrupulously.

I wish you every happiness and success in the New Year.

Dr. Kotewall's Thanks.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, briefly thanked His Excellency for the keen interest he had shown in the Scout Movement since his arrival, and for the sound and wholesome advice which he had given to the Scouts that day.

Three Cheers.

In calling for three cheers for His Excellency the Governor, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave mentioned that but for Chinese New Year and the distance at which some troops resided, the number present would have been far greater. They now had as many as 450 Scouts on the roll, and twelve troops were competing in the rallies. He called upon the Scouts to give three cheers for His Excellency, and to make them really hearty cheers to show how glad they were that Lady Clement was back at Government House after her illness. The Scouts then gave three cheers with a will.

The Gathering.

In all there were about 130 Scouts present, made up of members of the following troops:—1st Sea Scouts, 1st St. Joseph's, 2nd St. Andrew's, 4th Murray, 5th Roving Fifth, 6th Ellis Kadoorie School, 9th Tai Koo Scottish, 16th Tai Koo Chinese, 20th Central, 24th Hung Hom, 25th Yuek Chi, together with St. Andrew's Cubs (4th Pack) and the Peak Pack (5th Pack).

INTERPORT GOLF.

FINAL PROGRAMME.

HONG KONG v. MANILA TO-DAY.

Following the arrival of the Shanghai golfers yesterday the revised programme of interport matches was finally settled.

According to the new arrangement Hong Kong are playing Manila to-day over 36 holes in fourball matches, while Friday is occupied with foursomes against Shanghai. Thus it will be seen that Hong Kong, as hosts, are adapting the type of match to the preference of their guests.

It has not as yet been decided whether foursomes or fourballs will be played on Saturday morning between Shanghai and Manila, but at any rate these matches will be over 18 holes, while 18 hole singles will be played in the afternoon. On Sunday and Monday Hong Kong will play Manila and Shanghai respectively in singles over 36 holes.

Following the conclusion of the matches the Interport Dinner will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant at 8 o'clock on Monday evening and both teams will sail on Tuesday as originally arranged.

It is unfortunate that, owing to the awkward sailings of boats, the matches between Shanghai and Manila have to be limited to 18 holes. It would have simplified things if the Manila team, which arrived on Tuesday, could have played Hong Kong on Wednesday, the day on which the Interport matches were scheduled to begin, but this was thought inadvisable. It was, however, mainly to play against Hong Kong, rather than to play each other that our visitors have come here, so that the standing arrangements are as satisfactory as possible.

Full Programme.

Thursday, Jan. 26th.—Hong Kong v. Manila. Fourballs over 36 holes.

Friday, Jan. 27th.—Hong Kong v. Shanghai. Foursomes over 36 holes.

Saturday, Jan. 28th.—Manila v. Shanghai. Foursomes or Foursomes (morning) and Singles (afternoon), each over 18 holes.

Sunday, Jan. 29th.—Hong Kong v. Manila. Singles over 36 holes.

Monday, Jan. 30th.—Hong Kong v. Shanghai. Singles over 36 holes.

8 p.m.—Interport Dinner at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Tuesday, Jan. 31st.—Both teams sail.

CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

FANLING RESULTS.

The China New Year Meeting at Fanling attracted large entries for all the competitions, the Bogey Pool naturally securing by far the largest entry. With competitions running continuously for a number of days it is not surprising that the winning returns should be good, especially as the course was playing extremely well over the week end.

Results.

BOGEY POOL.

P. P. J. Wodehouse (18), 6 up wins.

F. A. Merry (16), 4 up second.

Other scores: H. F. Bloxham (5) and D. Forbes (14), 2 up.

I. H. Geare, E. C. Frederick, A. E. Wood, F. S. Harrison, A. Piercy, F. A. Perry and F. Taylor, all square.

MEDAL ROUND (35 ENTRIES).

E. C. Frederick, 85-15=70, wins.

F. Cowherd, 86-14=72, second.

Other scores: P. A. Perry 92-17=75

W. L. Dunbar 81-24=74

G. Murray 81-7=74

MIXED BOGEY (16 PAIRS ENTERED).

Mrs. Dowdell and F. A. Redmond, 3 down win.

Other scores:

Mrs. Bridger and A. K. Henderson 4 down

Mrs. Gore and Col. Matthews 5 down

BEST BALL SCORES (24 PAIRS ENTERED).

D. Davidson and Lt. Comdr. W. D. Brown, 79-13=65, and T. S. Whyte Smith and D. J. Gilmore, 76-11=63, tie.

Other scores: A. Leach and W. L. Dunbar 75-9=66

H. G. Hegarty and F. S. Harrison 77-10=67

A.P.C. CUP.

Last Monday, in the final round of the cup played for under handicaps by members of the A.P.C., D. G. Bruce beat T. D. E. Pendered, the Captain of the Interport Team, after an exciting finish. Pendered stood 4 up on his opponent with 6 holes to go, but lost five of the remaining holes to be beaten on the last green.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Mr. W. G. Pirie was down at Happy Valley yesterday morning and is taking his usual keen interest in the "Dunbar stable." *Alfred Bay* is looking very well, but none of his stable companions impressed. However, I do not attach undue importance to their performances at the moment. *Happy Bay* did a wise gallop as also did *Flying Pretender*, the times being within 2/5ths of each other. *Little* did the mile in 2:10.2, the best gallop of the morning. Work was on the sand track. A few of the time are given below:—

Pick, 1 mile:—31.4; 1:07.4; 1:12.3.

2:11.3. Last quarter 32.

King of Hearts, 1 mile:—41; 1:21.1; 1:35.7; 2:25.1. Last quarter 30.2.

Deep Water Bay, 1 mile:—45.2; 1:10; 1:43.3. Last quarter 33.3.

Osaka, 1 mile:—41; 1:24; 2:03; 2:37.3. Last quarter 32.3.

Pickle, 1 mile:—32.2; 1:05.2; 1:10; 2:10.2. Last quarter 30.2.

Shingle, 1 mile:—41; —; 2:02; 2:35. Last quarter 33.

Bay of Greenland, 1 mile:—35.2; 1:04.4; 1:43. Last quarter 34.1.

Young Pretender, 1 mile:—41; 1:22; 1:54.1; 2:31; 3:05.2. Last quarter 31.2.

Boxing Eve, 1 mile:—37.2; 1:13; 1:47; 2:15.3. Last quarter 30.3.

King Constantine, 1 mile:—41; —; 1:41.

New Year's Eve, 1 mile:—39.2; 1:13; 1:45.3; 2:19.3. Last quarter 30.3.

Bay of Iceland, 1 mile:—37.2; 1:04.1; 1:53; 2:29. Last quarter 30.4.

Bakers Bay, 1 mile:—32; 1:03.1; 1:36.1. Last quarter 32.2.

Captain, Conitide, 1 mile:—32; 1:03.1; 1:35.4. Last quarter 32.2.

Greenish, 1 mile:—46; 1:25; 2:09; 2:32.2. Last quarter 32.2.

Monty Bay, 1 mile:—35.1; 1:04.1; 1:47.1; 2:13.4. Last quarter 32.4.

Heir Apparent, 1 mile:—41; 1:21.1; 2:01.1; 2:34.1; 3:05.4. Last quarter 31.3.

Hudson Bay, 1 mile:—41; 1:21.1; 2:01.1; 2:34.1; 3:05.4. Last quarter 31.3.

Siang River, 1 mile:—41; 1:21.1; 2:01.1; 2:34.1; 3:05.4. Last quarter 31.3.

Fair Eyes, 1 mile:—39; 1:15; 1:50.2; 2:22.4. Last quarter 32.2.

Duke of Verona, 1 mile:—40; 1:17.2; 1:47.2. Last quarter 30.1.

Dundee, Loch Lomond, 1 mile:—42; 1:21; 1:54. Last quarter 33.

Sitting Bull, 1 mile:—34; 1:12.1; 1:45.1. Last quarter 32.

Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Mr. J. J. Paterson left for Shanghai yesterday and the racing and hunting community lose a keen and experienced supporter. He comes from a racing family and has himself done most things in the riding world being at one time an enthusiastic polo player. He has not been with us long enough this time to get properly settled down, and it is a pity he has gone to Shanghai as I think our need is greater than theirs.

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

CLUB DEFEAT R.A.F.

In the second match in which they were engaged in the Sim Shield tie, the Royal Air Force hockey team gave a better account of themselves when they met the Hong Kong Hockey Club on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, but they had to admit defeat by three goals to one.

Both these teams had lost when they played the Service teams. In yesterday's game the Club led at the intervals by three goals which they secured after interesting play in which the airmen had several bangs at the goal without success.

In the second half of the game the Club were more on the defensive, but they could not altogether keep their opponents from scoring one goal.

The next match of the series will be played on Monday, January 30th, when the R.A.F. will have their first meeting with the Army.

The Position To Date.

The table as it stands at present is as follows:—

P. W. L. D. F. A. P.
Navy 4 3 1 0 17 5 6
Army 3 2 1 0 8 6 4
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Club 3 1 2 0 5 11 2

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RUGBY.

HONG KONG INTERPORT TEAM DEFEATED IN SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25th.

A team representing the United Services beat Hong Kong Interport team by 35 points to 8.

Hong Kong were mostly on the defensive; the victors were the heavier team.

BOXING.

SHARKEY AND RISKO TO FIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Boston, Jan. 25th.

Jack Sharkey has signed articles for a 15-round bout with Johnny Risko of Cleveland to be held in New York on March 15th, the winner to meet Tunney for the Heavyweight title in summer.

FOOTBALL.

K.O.S.B.'s 4, H.M.S. Ambrose 1.

Playing the United Services Competition at Sookunpo, the K.O.S.B.'s beat the Ambrose by four goals to one. A high wind made accurate play impossible, although the military team showed good ball control. At the interval the K.O.S.B.'s led by a goal to nil. Humphries scored from a pass by McGlinchey.

In the second half the K.O.S.B.'s had most of the game and scored three times, through Campbell, Humphries and McGlinchey. The Ambrose scored once only, Wallace beating Anderson with a fast cross shot. The Ambrose should have put on another couple before the final whistle sounded but failed to follow up good work in the open.

Today's Match.

Today at 4.00 p.m. H.M.S. Marston meets the R.A.M.C. in the Junior Competition on the Navy ground at Happy Valley. Referee: Mr. Kinella.

ENGLAND v. SOUTH AFRICA.

HOME TEAM'S UPHILL FIGHT.

GOOD START IN SECOND INNINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DURBAN, Jan. 24th.

Having scored 381 for eight wickets (G. T. S. Stevens 42, not out) England raised the score to 436 before the last wicket fell. South Africa faced the deficit of 190 runs in determined fashion and at the close of play had made 279 for four wickets. The principal scores were: Catterall 76, Monk 66, not out, and Nicholson 63, not out.

Score:—

South Africa: 246 and 279 for 4 wickets.
England: 436.

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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

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January 24th.

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Chenai, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C10.—B. & S.

Debi Maru, Japanese str., 1,892 tons, Capt. K. Yageta, from Canton, with 675 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

West Niger, American str., 3,517 tons, Capt. V. D. Trout, from Portland and Hakata, the latter port she left on January 19th, with lumber, flour and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A20.—Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.

Yun Lee, Chinese str., 1,861 tons, Capt. J. Frymann, from Saigon, which port she left on January 20th, with rice and meat, lying at buoy No. B48.—Yun Shing Fat.

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Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Atsuta Maru*, from London via ports, on January 24th: Mr. G. I. Cape, Mrs. A. Cape, Mr. J. M. Hutchins, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mr. J. H. Jones, Mr. W. McIntyre, Mr. T. F. Myers, Mr. Y. Namiki, Mrs. Y. Namiki, Mrs. C. E. Poole, Mrs. M. E. Poole, Mr. K. Sugayama, Mr. H. E. Smith, Mr. R. E. Sherman, Mr. C. D. Souza.

Departures.

Per s.s. *Empress of Asia*, for Vancouver via ports, on January 24th: Mr. G. I. Cape, Mrs. A. Cape, Mr. J. M. Hutchins, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mr. J. H. Jones, Mr. W. McIntyre, Mr. T. F. Myers, Mr. Y. Namiki, Mrs. Y. Namiki, Mrs. C. E. Poole, Mrs. M. E. Poole, Mr. K. Sugayama, Mr. H. E. Smith, Mr. R. E. Sherman, Mr. C. D. Souza.

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A PANTHEON OF BRAINS.

BERLIN, Dec. 25th.

Professor Bechterew, of Leningrad, famous for his research work, died in Moscow on Christmas evening, and his brain will be the first to be deposited in the Russian pantheon designed to house the brains of famous men, which, at Professor Bechterew's suggestion, the Soviet Government recently agreed to provide the means to establish.—Exchange.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

For JANUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
January 26th	7:04 a.m.	6:07 p.m.
" 27th	7:04	6:08
" 28th	7:04	6:09
" 29th	7:04	6:10
" 30th	7:04	6:10
" 31st	7:03	6:11

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Delta* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on the 21st inst. at 12:30 p.m., with the mails, and is due here to-day (Thursday) at about 7 a.m.

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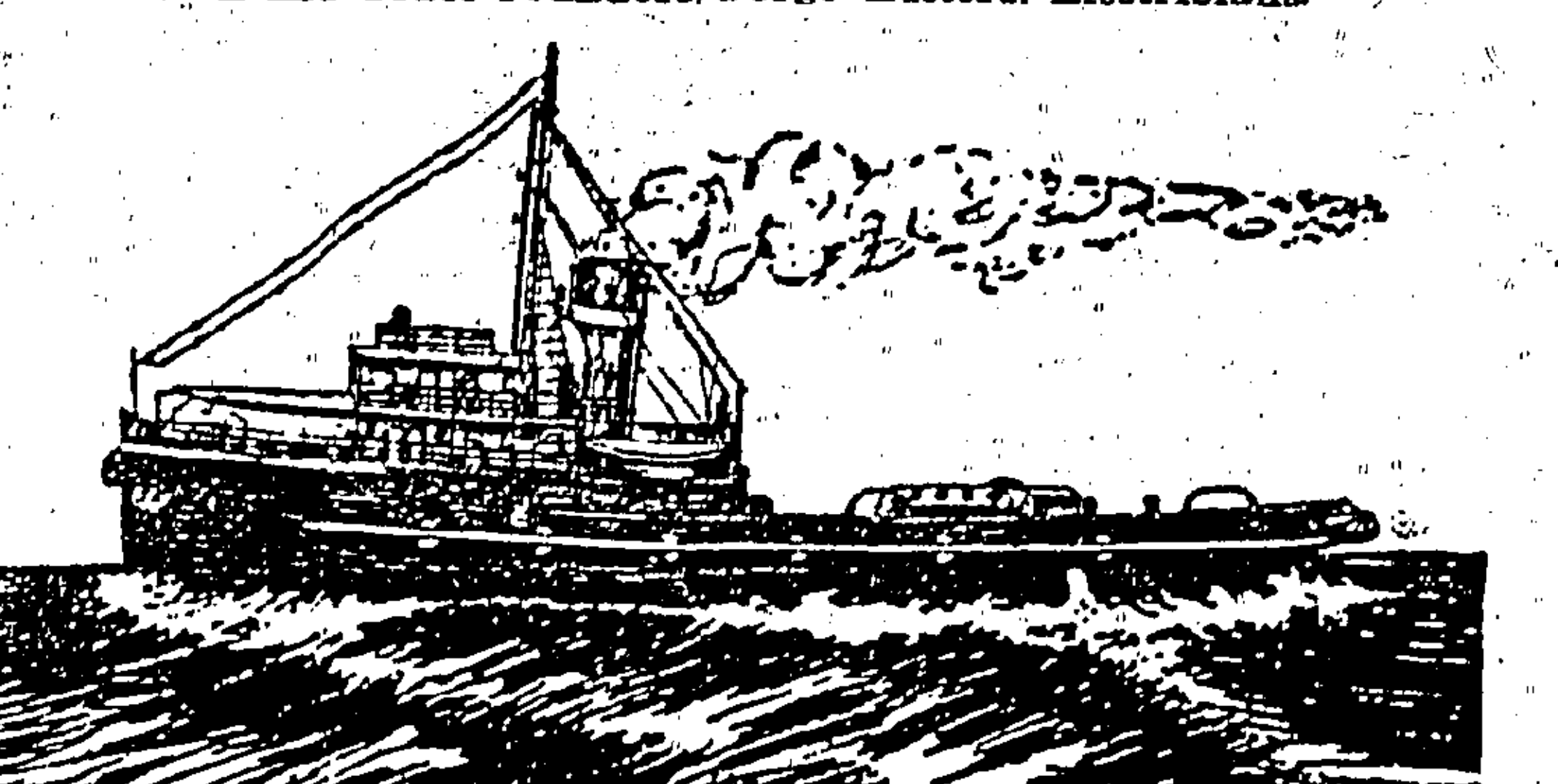
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OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Mon, 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"LAISANG"	Thurs, 31st Jan., at 7 a.m.
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KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 11th Feb.
KATORI MARU ... Saturday, 25th Feb.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Feb.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
MALACCA MARU ... Monday, 27th Jan.
TAMBA MARU ... Saturday, 11th Feb.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
GINTO MARU ... Monday, 6th Feb.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU ... Wednesday, 29th Feb.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU ... Friday, 10th Feb.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DELACQUA MARU ... Tuesday, 7th Feb.
CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Bangkok.
BINGOON MARU ... Tuesday, 31st Jan.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ... Friday, 17th Feb.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MATSUOTONO MARU ... Friday, 27th Jan.
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M.S. "Asia"	21st February	1st April
M.S. "Afrika"	21st March	30th April
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW CARGO FOR COLONY AND OTHER PORTS.

ONLY ELEVEN ARRIVALS.

There were only 11 steamers arriving into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and freights brought for the Colony and for other ports were below average.

For Hong Kong there were only 10,775 tons of general merchandise to which all the 11 vessels contributed. Four British ships were responsible for 8,634 tons.

The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Yuna Lee* and the *Pharos*. The former arriving from Saigon contributed 2,000 tons and the latter from Fan Kong Bay had 1,000 tons.

Through freights amounted to only 6,653 tons, of which 483 tons were contributed by two British vessels.

The only four figure return was shown by the s.s. *Statua Mura*, from Singapore and Middlesbrough. She carried 3,340 tons. The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	2
American	1	1
Dutch	1	0
Japanese	3	0
Chinese	2	3
Total	11	7

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, Jan. 30th.
Australian-Orion Line.
Changite, Feb. 7th.
Taiyang, Mar. 9th.

Bank Line.
City of Benares, Feb. 12th.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 14th.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 11th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Cardiff, April 14th.

Ben Line.
Beulah, Jan. 25th.

British India and Apcar Line.
Sandwich, to-day.
Tahiti, Jan. 26th.
Takaka, Feb. 1st.
Tahiti, Feb. 1st.

Blue Funnel Line.
Ningpo, Feb. 2nd.
Phidotea, Feb. 5th.
Waththana, Feb. 7th.
Aranea, Feb. 13th.
Arctoga, Feb. 18th.
Achilles, Feb. 20th.
Polypheus, Feb. 23th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Culebra, Mar. 4th.
Sargatan, Mar. 8th.
Rheus, Mar. 18th.
Teiresias, Mar. 18th.
Tyndareus, Mar. 19th.
Melampus, Mar. 22nd.
Eurylochus, Mar. 23th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Pateclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phemius, April 11th.
Agamemnon, April 15th.
Lamachus, April 24th.

Princess Line.
Japanese Prince, Jan. 29th.
Chinese Prince, Feb. 21st.
Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Ogden, Feb. 5th.
Sumatra, Mar. 5th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Augburg, Feb. 4th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Delhi, to-day.
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Eastern and Australian Lines.
Tanda, Feb. 6th.
St. Albans, Mar. 5th.

Glen Line.
Glenunda, Jan. 30th.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
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Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie.
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Havelland, Feb. 10th.
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Java-China-Japan Line.
Tjibodas, Jan. 30th.
Tjikembang, Feb. 2nd.
Tjikondari, Feb. 8th.
Tjikong, Feb. 13th.
Tjikaroen, Feb. 13th.
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Messageries Maritimes.
Yangtze, to-morrow.
General Metzing, Feb. 1st.
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